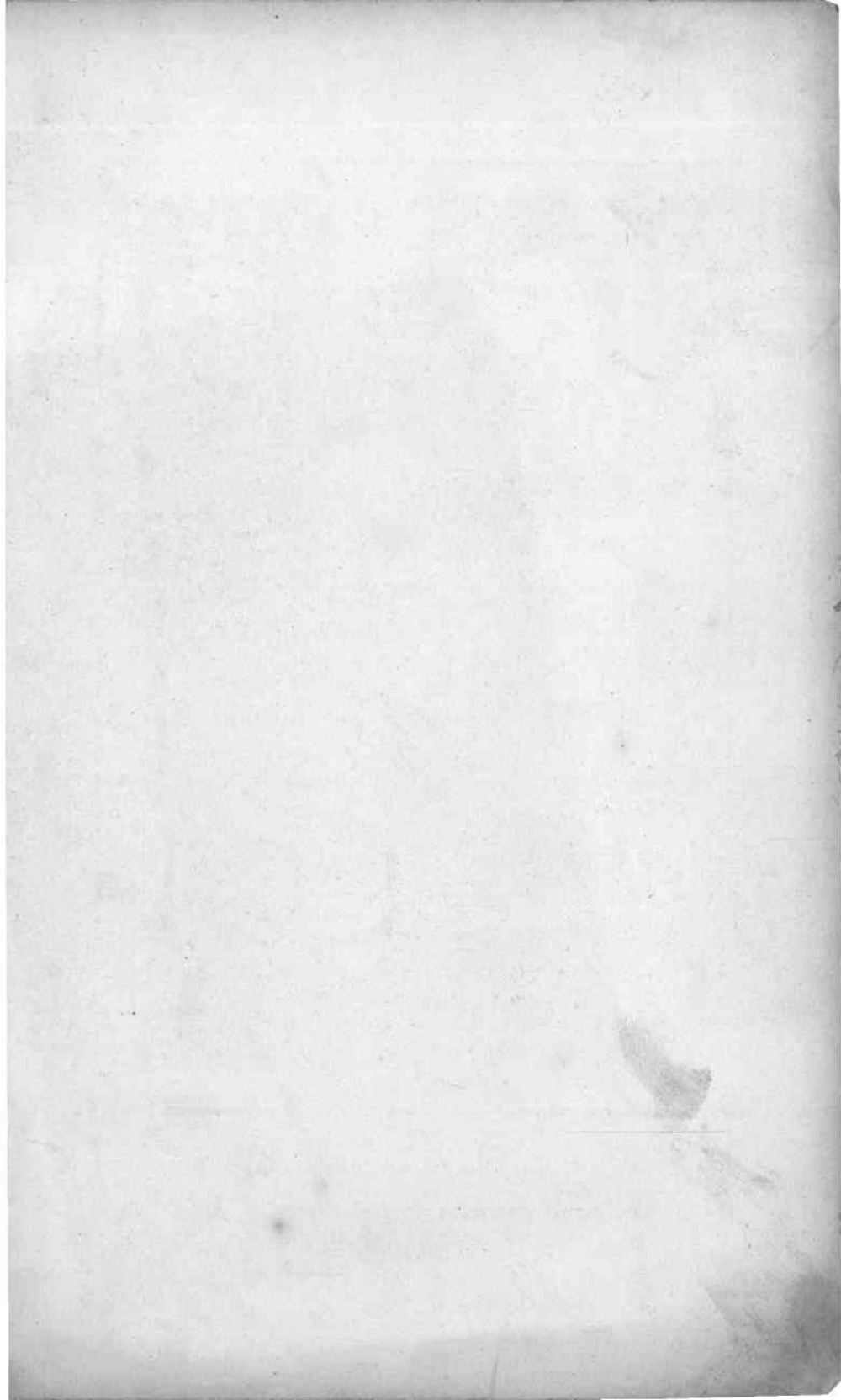
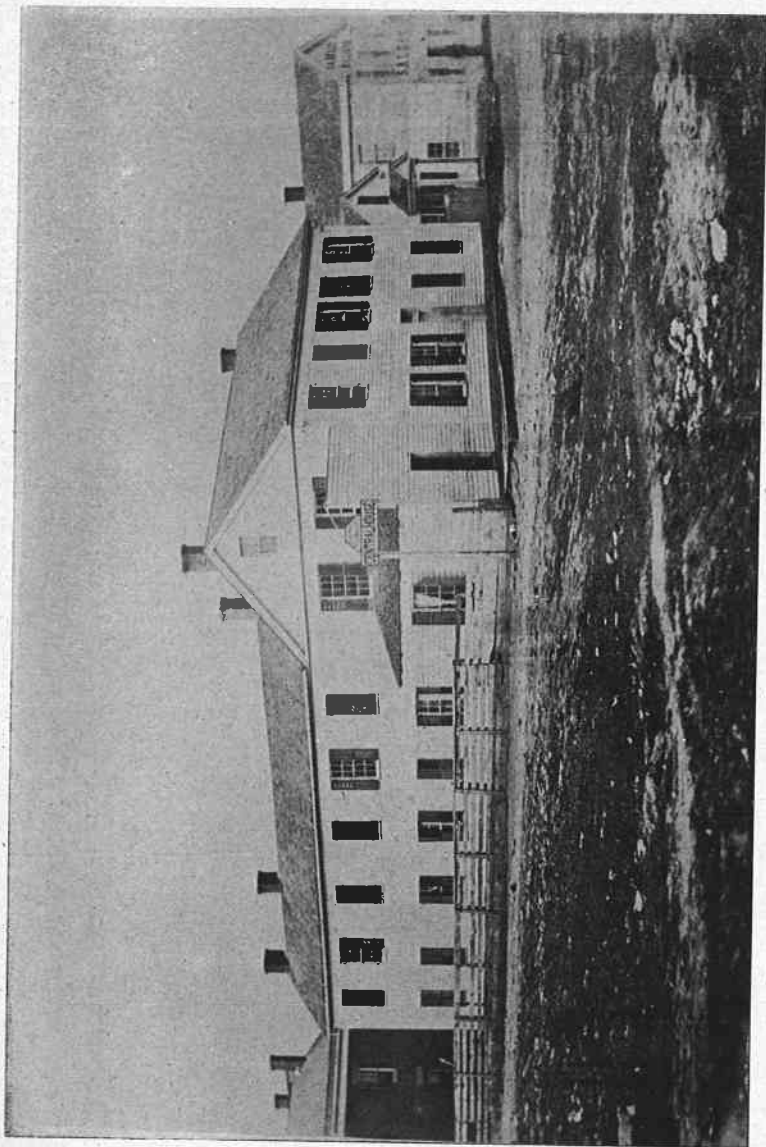


JOSEPH H. THOMPSON,

GRAND TREASURER, GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA,

1878-1901.





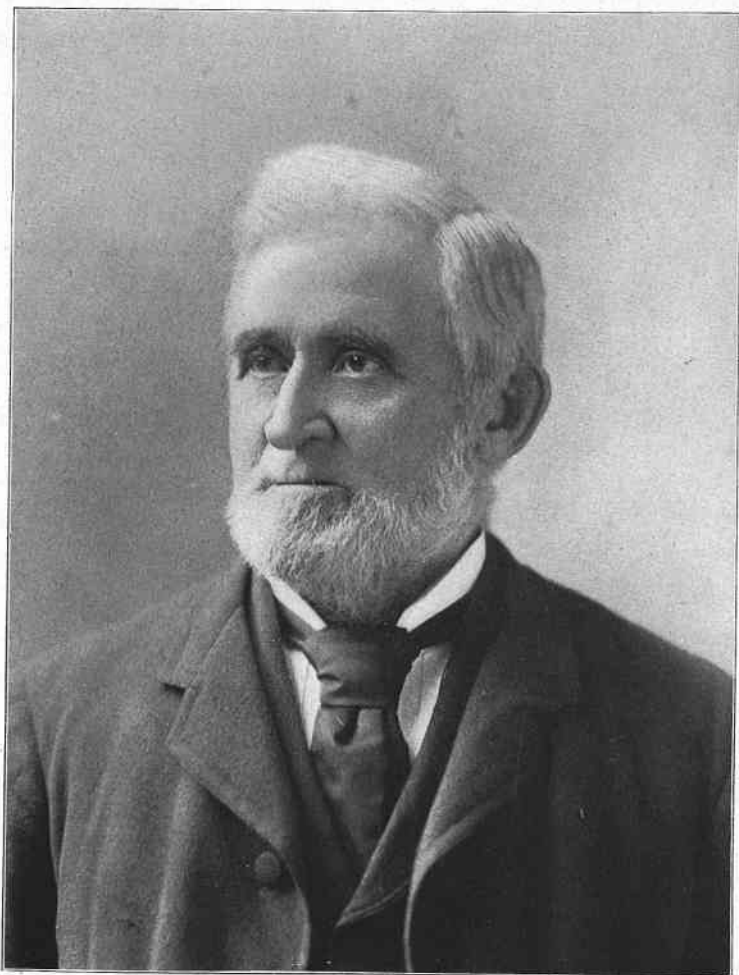
**THE OLD CENTRAL HOUSE, ST. PAUL, MINN.
On Bench Street, Now Second, Corner of Minnesota Street.**

The First Masonic Lodge in Minnesota was organized September 8, 1849, in the lower corner East Room, indicated by closed shutters. The wing in the rear and adjacent buildings are of later date. The first Masonic Banquet held in Minnesota was celebrated in this house, in honor of St. John, the Evangelist, December 27, 1851. It was the Territorial Capitol in 1849, and in its Parlor and Dining Room the First Session of the Territorial Legislature—from September 3 to November 3—was convened.



*Fraternally &c
George Egbert*

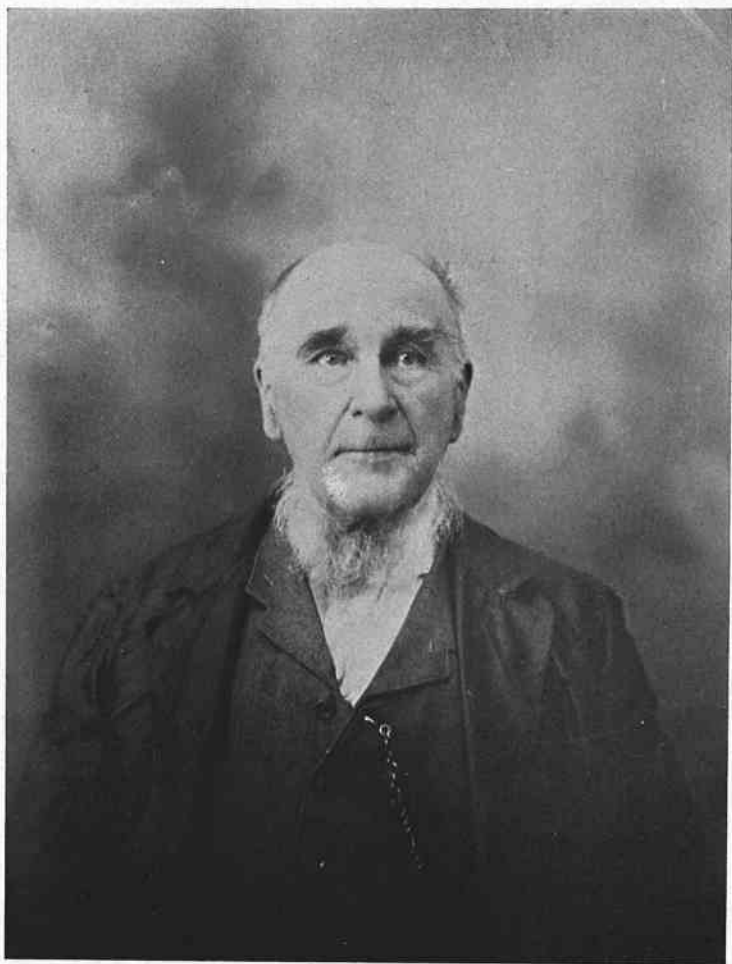
Born in Pennsylvania, November 15, 1820. Came to Minnesota in April, 1849.
The oldest surviving Mason raised in a Minnesota Lodge. The Organizer of the first Masonic Lodge, Shiloh, at Fargo, in North Dakota. Now resides at Portland, Oregon. See page 160.



Yours fraternally

O. M. Kewey

The Second and Oldest Living Initiate of a Minnesota Lodge, made an
Entered Apprentice September 24, 1849. See page 158.



Fraternally Yours
J. W. C. Dunwell

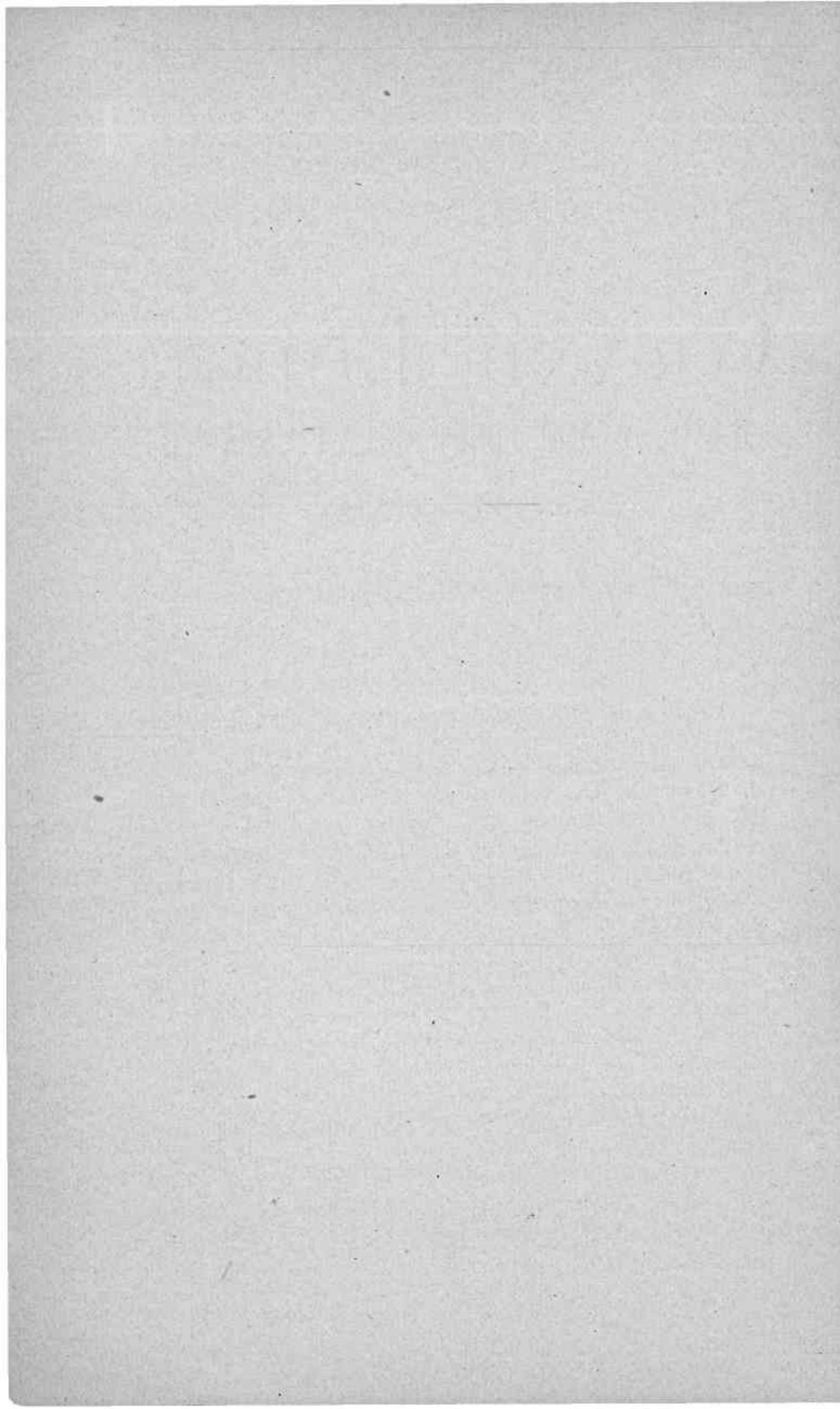
First Senior Grand Deacon of Minnesota, and another and last survivor of the
Founders of the Grand Lodge in February, 1853. See page 160.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
A.: F.: & A.: M.:
OF
MINNESOTA,
AT THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD AT
ST. PAUL, JANUARY 17 AND 18,
1900.

M.: W.: ALONZO BRANDENBURG, Fergus Falls, Grand Master.
R.: W.: THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

ST. PAUL, MINN.:
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PROCEEDINGS
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M.: W.: Grand Lodge of A.: F.: & A.: M.:
OF MINNESOTA.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1900.

The forty-seventh annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Hall, on Fifth street, in the City of St. Paul, commencing at high twelve on Wednesday, Jan. 17, A. D. 1900, A. : L. : 5900.

All the Grand Officers were present, and the largest number of lodge representatives ever assembled at the opening. During the session 200 lodges were represented, out of 210 on the roll.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by Grand Master Stebbins, after devout prayer to God, led by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Irving Todd (7), as his assistant to keep the minutes, and Bro. Chas. P. Montgomery (185), to attend to the railroad certificates.

Visiting brethren were directed to occupy seats in the gallery.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary; Chas. W. Miller (156), and Alex Fiddes (90).

A roll of all entitled to seats having been prepared by the Grand Secretary, the committee called for and entered the attendance of proxies, after which the entire roll was called and those present noted. Their report was accepted, and the committee continued to make additions and corrections during the session.

The following is the corrected report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M.^s. W.^s. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that there are present seventeen Grand Officers, twenty permanent members, and 343 representatives of 200 out of 210 chartered lodges, including 75 proxies, as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	M. ^s . W. ^s . Grand Master
Alonzo Brandenburg.....	R. ^s . W. ^s . Deputy Grand Master
A. D. Countryman.....	R. ^s . W. ^s . Senior Grand Warden
Gid S. Ives.....	R. ^s . W. ^s . Junior Grand Warden
Joseph H. Thompson.....	R. ^s . W. ^s . Grand Treasurer
Thomas Montgomery.....	R. ^s . W. ^s . Grand Secretary
H. D. Dickinson.....	W. ^s . Grand Orator
Ezra B. Chase.....	W. ^s . Grand Chaplain
Henry R. Adams.....	W. ^s . Senior Grand Deacon
W. A. McGonagle.....	W. ^s . Junior Grand Deacon
Henry M. Tusler.....	W. ^s . Grand Marshal
Thomas Morris.....	W. ^s . Grand Standard Bearer
M. C. Sullivan.....	W. ^s . Grand Sword Bearer
Enoch Stott.....	W. ^s . Senior Grand Steward
H. O. Hilton.....	W. ^s . Junior Grand Steward
Wm. M. Selby.....	W. ^s . Grand Pursuivant
Jean C. Fischer.....	W. ^s . Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Past Grand Masters—Chas. W. Nash, Charles Griswold, Edward W. Durant, Henry R. Wells, Henry R. Denny, R. H. Gove, Jacob A. Kiester, Wm. F. Dickinson.

Past Deputy Grand Masters—Wm. T. Rigby, James N. Castle, George H. Davis, Chas. L. West.

Past Senior Grand Wardens—Thos. J. Lombard, Sam'l E. Adams, Edgar Nash.

Past Junior Grand Wardens—E. P. Barnum, Albert Marden, H. C. Shepard, Wm. B. Patton, Jas. D. Markham.

REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.	St. Johns.....	W. C. Masterman, W.: M.: H. W. Davis, S.: W.: Thos. C. Clark, proxy for J.: W.:
2.	Cataract	John Friend, W.: M.: Carl E. Van Cleve, proxy for J.: W.:
3.	St. Paul.....	James J. Earley, W.: M.: Geo. R. Metcalf, S.: W.: Wm. H. Grant, proxy for J.: W.:
4.	Hennepin	E. E. Peterson, W.: M.: R. T. McAdam, proxy for S.: W.: Wm. P. Roberts, proxy for J.: W.:
5.	Ancient Landmark..	P. C. Williams, W.: M.: J. C. Bennett, S.: W.: Wm. P. Jewett, proxy for J.: W.:
7.	Dakota	Geo. A. Emerson, W.: M.: Irving Todd, proxy for S.: W.:
8.	Red Wing.....	Edwin H. Foot, W.: M.:
9.	Faribault	James R. Smith, W.: M.: J. N. Tate, S.: W.:
11.	Mantorville	Wm. Edison, W.: M.: C. A. Miller, S.: W.:
12.	Mankato	Judson N. Day, W.: M.: Clark Keysor, proxy for J.: W.:
14.	Wapahasa	Not represented.
16.	Monticello	M. J. Kingsbury, W.: M.: H. M. Piper, S.: W.: F. H. Chilson, proxy for J.: W.:
17.	Hokah	A. J. Snaure, W.: M.: S. J. Prentiss, proxy for S.: W.:
18.	Winona	O. M. Botsford, W.: M.: W. J. Smith, S.: W.:
19.	Minneapolis	H. M. Myers, proxy for W.: M.: Henry Hahn, S.: W.:
20.	Caledonia	Edward Krick, W.: M.: E. C. Hellickson, S.: W.:
21.	Rochester	Chas. E. Callaghan, W.: M.: George B. Doty, S.: W.: T. H. Bliss, proxy for J.: W.:
22.	Pleasant Grove.....	Milton Page, W.: M.: John Kendall, S.: W.:
23.	North Star.....	David T. Calhoun, W.: M.: John C. Munro, proxy for S.: W.:
24.	Wilton	George Hofeld, W.: M.:
26.	Western Star.....	C. M. Wilkinson, W.: M.: G. W. Geesey, S.: W.: G. W. Geesey, proxy for J.: W.:
27.	Blue Earth Valley...	E. E. Crandall, W.: M.:
28.	Clear Water.....	Joseph Whittemore, W.: M.:
29.	Morning Star.....	J. Robillard, W.: M.: James S. Selby, proxy for S.: W.:
30.	Anoka	Everett Hammons, W.: M.: Orange S. Miller, S.: W.:
31.	King Hiram	H. A. Engle, proxy for W.: M.: A. A. Long, proxy for S.: W.:
32.	Sakatah	Peter Nelson, J.: W.:

- No. 33. Star in the East..... Chas. H. Bliss, W.: M.:
 34. Oriental Hans Anderson, W.: M.:
 Hiram E. Conley, W.: M.:
 Edward A. Dibble, S.: W.:
 Frank Ellsworth, J.: W.:
 35. Mt. Moriah..... Axel Johnson, W.: M.:
 36. Preston K. W. Buell, W.: M.:
 37. Mystic Tie..... C. L. Parham, W.: M.:
 38. Washington A. G. Norton, W.: M.:
 D. C. Smith, S.: W.:
 Jesse Kirkland, J.: W.:
 39. Fidelity John H. Anderson, W.: M.:
 John Robertson, S.: W.:
 C. F. West, J.: W.:
 40. Carnelian W. A. Hubbard, W.: M.:
 T. A. Carr, S.: W.:
 R. A. McLeod, J.: W.:
 41. Hermon E. Woodbury, W.: M.:
 O. K. Anderson, J.: W.:
 42. Hope Byron W. Pierce, W.: M.:
 Cyril M. Tift, S.: W.:
 Orland P. Simons, J.: W.:
 43. Harmony Lewis J. Baldwin, W.: M.:
 44. King Solomon..... Chas. G. Hinds, proxy for W.: M.:
 45. Union A. E. Cadwell, W.: M.:
 H. F. Weis, S.: W.:
 D. D. Sykes, J.: W.:
 46. Evergreen D. A. Ferguson, S.: W.:
 47. Concord Milton A. Hill, S.: W.:
 John T. Peach, J.: W.:
 48. Social John W. Hunter, W.: M.:
 E. G. Riddell, S.: W.:
 W. F. Manhart, J.: W.:
 49. Rising Sun..... Robt. M. Dixon, W.: M.:
 50. Watertown Walter St. John, proxy for W.: M.:
 51. Acacia Jas. A. McHattie, W.: M.:
 Myron L. Gage, S.: W.:
 52. Cannon River..... George Molm, W.: M.:
 Wm. L. Eddy, S.: W.:
 Henry Wait, J.: W.:
 54. Nicollet E. E. Miller, J.: W.:
 55. Zion R. E. Sevey, S.: W.:
 Geo. W. Leske, J.: W.:
 56. Meridian W. W. Murphy, S.: W.:
 Wm. Strafford, proxy for J.: W.:
 57. Blue Earth City.... J. H. Sprout, W.: M.:
 58. Spring Valley..... Benj. F. Farmer, W.: M.:
 C. M. Warren, proxy for J.: W.:
 59. Temple Carlos Avery, W.: M.:
 60. Star in the West.... H. S. Doty, proxy for W.: M.:
 L. R. Barto, proxy for S.: W.:
 61. Ashler Henry E. Doty, W.: M.:
 Gustave A. Klose, S.: W.:
 Edwin Dunn, proxy for J.: W.:
 62. Star F. H. Johnson, W.: M.:
 63. Illustrious George R. Hall, W.: M.:
 Geo. F. Sylvester, S.: W.:
 A. Smith, proxy for J.: W.:

- No. 64. Chain Lake.....Malcolm Aldrich, W.: M.:
 65. Golden Rule.....C. V. Holstrom, W.: M.:
 66. MadeliaW. R. Estes, J.: W.:
 67. CorinthianW. M. Dodge, W.: M.:
 69. Mystic Star.....John Martin, W.: M.:
 N. H. Toftsted, proxy for J.: W.:
 71. PaynesvilleHenry A. Wells, W.: M.:
 72. LansingHarcor Lyons, S.: W.:
 73. BrownsvilleE. M. Winslow, proxy for W.: M.:
 75. EurekaGeo. M. Palmer, W.: M.:
 Frank E. Garner, S.: W.:
 76. JoppaW. A. Wilsie, W.: M.:
 J. R. Anderson, S.: W.:
 C. F. Ulrich, J.: W.:
 77. TuscanFred M. Curtis, W.: M.:
 78. Mystic Circle.....Harvey Harris, W.: M.:
 79. PalestineSamuel O. Sterritt, W.: M.:
 Henry Nesbitt, S.: W.:
 80. HendersonErnest L. Welch, W.: M.:
 81. ConstellationW. T. Cowing, proxy for W.: M.:
 82. HowardE. H. Learned, W.: M.:
 A. A. Narverud, S.: W.:
 83. Hiram Abi.....J. J. McCaughey, W.: M.:
 Aug. E. Anderson, S.: W.:
 George W. Gove, proxy for J.: W.:
 84. OrientF. F. Butler, W.: M.:
 85. High Forest.....G. F. Brown, W.: M.:
 N. W. Reese, J.: W.:
 86. TyrianE. L. Ford, W.: M.:
 L. L. Mathews, S.: W.:
 W. D. Kirkpatrick, J.: W.:
 87. DoricB. Bieri, W.: M.:
 89. Golden Fleece.....H. M. Angier, proxy for W.: M.:
 90. Good Faith.....Alex. Fiddes, proxy for W.: M.:
 91. AntiquityW. R. Caswell, W.: M.:
 J. A. Schmahl, S.: W.:
 M. E. Powell, proxy for J.: W.:
 92. FraternalArthur A. Caswell, W.: M.:
 93. UnityWm. Sartell, W.: M.:
 A. L. Smitten, S.: W.:
 L. L. Sartell, proxy for J.: W.:
 94. KeystoneL. C. Hansen, W.: M.:
 C. Salkouskee, proxy for S.: W.:
 A. Davey, J.: W.:
 95. SherburneWeston G. Merrifield, W.: M.:
 96. LibanusGalenus Morris, W.: M.:
 97. PrudenceNot represented.
 98. CharityJohn C. Geiger, W.: M.:
 99. CornerstoneJ. T. Johnson, proxy for W.: M.:
 M. T. McMahon, proxy for S.: W.:
 100. AuroraMilton McFadden, proxy for W.: M.:
 101. FraternityWilson Ager, S.: W.:
 I. P. Durfee, proxy for J.: W.:
 102. LebanonJ. H. Burns, W.: M.:
 103. BethelWm. R. Cullen, W.: M.:
 104. SharonS. Bjerkness, S.: W.:
 Olof Olson, proxy for J.: W.:
 106. Mt. Tabor.....T. A. Nottage, W.: M.:

No. 184.	Shell.....	F. M. Shepard, W.: M.: L. H. Rice, S.: W.:
185.	Midway	Chas. P. Montgomery, W.: M.:
186.	Ionic	Robert Graham, W.: M.: Sheldon L. Frazer, proxy for S.: W.: F. W. Kugler, proxy for J.: W.:
187.	Arcana	Dan. C. Brown, W.: M.: Chas. B. Greenwood, S.: W.: E. T. Schneider, J.: W.:
188.	Fortitude	Not represented.
189.	Traverse	R. H. Sigford, W.: M.: H. O. Munson, proxy for S.: W.:
190.	Triune	Ed. A. Paradis, W.: M.: J. J. Bell, proxy for S.: W.: Harry L. Burrill, J.: W.:
191.	Mizpah.....	Arthur D. Moe, W.: M.: Fred J. Babcock, S.: W.: E. C. Shibley, proxy for J.: W.:
192.	Crow River.....	Alex. Redgway, W.: M.:
193.	Amboy	C. S. Lattin, S.: W.:
194.	Canton	J. W. Funk, W.: M.:
195.	Renville	J. T. Horr, W.: M.: Jens Christianson, S.: W.:
196.	Geneva	Chas. O. Hill, W.: M.: Chas. Quist, S.: W.:
197.	Vermillion	W. N. Shepard, proxy for W.: M.:
198.	Euclid.....	Louis S. Neuman, W.: M.: L. A. Barnes, proxy for S.: W.:
199.	Murray	John H. Low, W.: M.:
200.	Zenith	George Wilson, W.: M.:
201.	Kenyon	Joseph A. Gates, W.: M.: C. Clausen, proxy for S.: W.:
202.	Venus	Chas. H. Sullivan, W.: M.:
203.	Stewartville	F. Marion Parks, W.: M.: Ralph W. Whitney, J.: W.:
204.	St. Elmo.....	Not represented.
205.	Wayzata	S. S. Kilvington, W.: M.: W. S. Frear, S.: W.: A. H. Nash, J.: W.:
206.	Fosston	Joel Fogelberg, S.: W.:
207.	Crescent	Arthur W. Wheatley, S.: W.:
208.	Itasca	D. M. Gunn, W.: M.:
209.	Sibley	J. A. E. Johnson, W.: M.: Frank Hagberg, proxy for S.: W.:
210.	Columbian	John L. Gessell, W.: M.: Le Roy Brown, proxy for J.: W.:
211.	Friendship	C. I. Gross, W.: M.: D. M. Baldwin, Jr., proxy for J.: W.:
212.	Hallock.....	Ellif Ellis, W.: M.:
213.	Mystic	Geo. W. Knox, W.: M.:
214.	Evansville	O. A. Felt, W.: M.:
215.	Argyle	O. L. Melgaard, J.: W.:
216.	Florence	C. H. Childs, W.: M.: W. A. Hauck, S.: W.: J. I. Gates, J.: W.:
217.	Capital City.....	Eugene W. McCord, W.: M.:
218.	Griswold	Harlow F. Ames, W.: M.:
219.	Mt. Hermon.....	F. Wilcox, W.: M.:

No. 220.	Olivia.....	Jas. M. Peckinpaugh, W.: M.: O. J. Everson, J.: W.:
221.	Equity	L. McKechnie, S.: W.:
222.	Elysian	Not represented.
223.	Mora	Geo. H. Newbert, W.: M.:
224.	Minnesota	Harvey Ricker, W.: M.: Joseph H. Johnson, J.: W.:
225.	Justice	Richard Morton, W.: M.: George Duster, J.: W.:
226.	Lincoln	Andrew J. Barrett, W.: M.:

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

A. Brandenburg.....	for Alabama and Michigan
Thos. J. Lombard.....	for Arizona
Roland H. Hartley.....	for British Columbia
Wm. F. Dickinson.....	for California
Edward W. Durant.....	for Canada
Thos. Montgomery.....	for Colorado, Ireland and Scotland
Chas. Griswold.....	for Connecticut
Henry R. Denny.....	for Delaware
James D. Markham.....	for District of Columbia
Edward P. Barnum.....	for Florida, Idaho and South Australia
Wm. B. Patton.....	for Georgia
Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	for Illinois and Prince Edward Island
Royal H. Gove.....	for Indian Territory and Utah
Chas. W. Nash.....	for Louisiana
Henry C. Shepard.....	for Manitoba
Henry R. Wells.....	for Mississippi, North and South Dakota
A. D. Countryman.....	for Montana
Albert Marden.....	for Nevada
James N. Castle.....	for New Brunswick and Quebec
Joseph H. Thompson.....	for New Jersey
Charles G. Hinds.....	for New Mexico
Henry M. Tusler.....	for New South Wales
Jacob A. Kiestler.....	for New York, Nova Scotia and Texas
I. B. B. Sprague.....	for North Carolina
William T. Rigby.....	for Ohio
Gideon S. Ives.....	for Oregon
Henry R. Adams.....	for Rhode Island
Irving Todd.....	for South Carolina
Samuel E. Adams.....	for Vermont
Edgar Nash.....	for Virginia
Chas. L. West.....	for West Virginia
George H. Davis.....	for Wisconsin

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
CHAS. W. MILLER,
ALEX. FIDDES,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p. m. Officers as at opening. Several additional members reported.

Grand Master Stebbins announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

Wm. F. Dickinson (91), S. L. Frazer (186), Chas. S. Schurman (171).

FINANCE.

John S. Nelson (111), H. A. McCaffrey (217), J. A. McConkey (99).

JURISPRUDENCE.

Past Grand Masters Wells, Denny, Kiester, Griswold and Durant.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

S. E. Adams, E. P. Barnum, C. W. Nash, E. A. Paradis (190), B. F. Farmer (58).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. H. Gove (21), J. H. Sprout (57), D. T. Calhoun (23), S. O. Sterritt (79), W. C. Odell (151).

APPROPRIATIONS.

Chas. G. Hinds (44), O. M. Botsford (18), E. W. McCord (217).

LODGES U. S. D.

Wm. P. Jewett (5), E. Hammons (30), Geo. H. Davis (100),
H. E. Conley (34), John Friend (2).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), J. H. Abbott (112), J. M. Rowley
(21).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

H. M. Myers (19), Olof Olson (104).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

K. W. Buell (36), H. F. Ames (218), H. E. Doty (61).

M. W.: Wm. G. Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was announced as in waiting. He was escorted into Grand Lodge by Past Grand Masters Wells and Griswold, introduced and welcomed, received with the Grand Honors, and given a seat on the dais.

Grand Master Stebbins then read the following address, after which it was referred to the Committee on Address for division and reference.

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Time in its ever onward course has again brought together the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and, under our constitution, it becomes my duty to give you an account of my official acts during the recess, and to state the condition of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction. I am pleased to be able to say that harmony, peace and plenty abounds. The labors of the brethren that have worked for the interests of the craft have been liberally rewarded, and it is with heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty God above for his many blessings and mercies that we have assembled in this our forty-seventh annual communication to review the year just past, to counsel together for the future, and to gain new strength for the duties that await us. The year has been a notable one in the history of our nation. While we are at peace with the nations of the earth, yet our armies are fighting in the cause of humanity; fighting to protect lives and property, and to establish a civilized government in our newly acquired insular possessions. The welfare of a people incapable of self-government entails upon this country duties and responsibilities which must be met, and the

American people can be trusted in the future as in the past to meet all responsibilities, and extend a free government and an advanced civilization even to the islands of the sea.

Masons have in this conflict, as they ever have in history, proved themselves loyal and patriotic, and that those of our brethren who have enlisted in the Spanish-American war may be honored, and as a mark of esteem and reverence for their patriotism I suggest that their names, which the Grand Secretary has secured from the subordinate lodges, be published in our proceedings.

But, my brethren, while we meditate upon the splendid achievements made by our country, and while we rejoice in the success and prosperity of the craft, there is over us all a feeling of sadness that pervades our meeting, and a deep sense of sorrow fills our hearts. Some of the brethren who have been near and dear to us, and who were with us one year ago, are not here to-day. Two of our honored and beloved brethren have gone to that bourne from which no traveler returns, but their memories will live after them.

STILES RAYMOND.

In the death of Bro. Stiles Raymond, one of the Custodians of the work of this Grand Lodge, we have suffered a great loss. Brother Raymond was ever true and faithful to his trust, and was a painstaking and accomplished ritualist. He was very successful in teaching our work, and as his skill and accuracy became known his services were much in demand. His membership was in Cataract Lodge, No. 2, where he saw masonic light in June, 1887, was exalted in St. Anthony Falls Chapter, No. 3, May 8, 1889, and knighted in Darius Commandery, No. 7, in April, 1890. He served as master of his lodge in 1891. At the organization of the Board of Custodians he was appointed by Grand Master Brown one of their members, for a term of two years. He was reappointed by Grand Master Lawless in 1896 for a full term of five years. He died in Minneapolis, Aug. 17, 1899, after a lingering affliction, owing to the paralysis of one of his lower limbs, making amputation necessary, to which he unfortunately succumbed. The funeral service was held Sunday, August 20th, in the hall of Cataract Lodge, Bro. J. B. Hingeley, preaching the sermon. After this service his remains, accompanied by a large number of friends and relatives, were taken to Red Wing, his former home, where services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was formerly a member, the sermon being preached by his old pastor, Bro. W. C. Rice. He was then laid at rest in the cemetery at Red Wing, your Grand Master performing the services at the grave. His obituary will be written and presented by his associates on the board.

ALPHONSO BARTO.

Bro. Alphonso Barto, who was Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1891 and 1892, died at his home in St. Cloud, Nov. 4, 1899, aged sixty-five years. He was born in Vermont, May 27, 1834, came to Elgin, Ill., in 1885, with his young wife, read law for a time, and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company K, Fifty-second Illinois Infantry, being mustered out as captain, October, 1865. He served a term as treasurer of Kane county, Illinois, and in December, 1869, settled in Sauk Center, Minn., engaging in the practice of law. In 1873, after serving a term in the legislature, he was elected lieutenant governor of the state. He was department commander of the G. A. R. in 1889. In 1890 he was appointed register of the land office at St. Cloud, where he moved his family. Our brother was made a Mason in Geneva Lodge, No. 130, in November, 1861, a Royal Arch Mason in Fox Chapter, No. 14, Illinois, Feb. 3, 1866, and a Knight Templar in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, Illinois, Jan. 2, 1867. He was also a Royal and Select Master, a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and of the Veteran Association. He had held high offices in the several masonic bodies, and his genial good nature endeared him to all his brethren. In our Grand Lodge he was Junior Grand Warden in 1866, and Senior Grand Warden in 1887 and 1888, Deputy Grand Master in 1889 and 1890, and Grand Master in 1891 and 1892. His remains were interred with masonic ceremonies in the cemetery at Sauk Center, the Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and others, officiating at the funeral. I caused a memorial circular to be issued to the lodges in his honor, and have appointed a committee to prepare a suitable tribute to his memory, to be read at this session.

NECROLOGY IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

During the year notices have been received of the death of prominent and distinguished brethren in our sister jurisdictions, as follows:

Robert C. Jordan, Past Grand Master, Nebraska, died Jan. 9, 1899.

Charles C. Kiefer, Past Grand Master, Ohio, died March 12, 1899.

Geo. E. Wyman, Past Grand Master, Colorado, died March 6, 1899.

Lewis Johnstone, Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia, died Feb. 1, 1899.

Geo. M. Strand, Past Grand Master, Oregon, died April 14, 1899.

Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, Nebraska, died May 6, 1899.

Byron L. Carr, Past Grand Master, Colorado, died April 22, 1899.

Edward F. Mahon, Past Deputy Grand Master, Nova Scotia, died March 8, 1899.

Alex. M. Evans, Past Grand Master, West Virginia, died Oct. 16, 1899.

John J. Sumpter, Past Grand Master, Arkansas, died June 22, 1899.
Dwight Phelps, Past Grand Master, Connecticut, died Sept. 6, 1899.

John S. Cross, Past Grand Master, Michigan, died Sept. 18, 1899.
Christian Hartman, Grand Treasurer, Nebraska, died Sept. 28, 1899.

James H. Welsh, Past Grand Master, Connecticut, died Dec. 16, 1899.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The three lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge at its last session were duly constituted as follows:

Jan. 26, 1899, with the able assistance of R. W. Bro. A. D. Countryman, Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. H. M. Tusler, Grand Marshal, and a full corps of other competent officers, I constituted Minnesota Lodge, No. 224, at Minneapolis.

There were a large number of the brethren present, including masters and members from every lodge in the city. A bounteous banquet was served, and all present enjoyed the occasion greatly. This vigorous infant has comfortable quarters in the Masonic Temple, and has shown a rapid healthy growth. It is well officered, and has demonstrated its right to a prominent place among its sister lodges, both of the city and state.

Feb. 13, 1899, I constituted Lamberton Lodge, No. 225, at Lamberton. I was agreeably surprised to find so many of the brethren present and so much interest manifested. The brethren of this new lodge extended a generous supply of fraternal courtesy and hospitality, and I have no doubt of their ability to maintain a successful lodge.

Feb. 18, 1899, R. W. Thomas Montgomery, acting as my proxy, constituted Lincoln Lodge, No. 226, at Milaca. Brother Montgomery reports the lodge to have a comfortable and well equipped hall, the membership composed of the very best in the community, and they start out with a determination to maintain its prestige as to quality.

CHARTER RESTORED.

Feb. 14, 1899, assisted by W. Bro. J. H. Sprout, I restored to Amboy Lodge, No. 193, the charter which the Grand Lodge arrested at the session of 1898. This was done in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Lodge at its last session. Upon my arrival at Amboy I found that the necessary arrangements for the meeting had not been completed, but a temporary hall was finally secured, and a goodly number of the old members gathered together. The chairs were filled by appointment, and a lodge of Master Masons opened.

Petitions for membership were received and examining committees appointed. It being the desire of the brethren that these petitions be acted upon before the election of officers, and being satisfied as to the fitness of the applicants, I allowed the committees to report, and a ballot to be spread the same evening. After the election of officers I installed them into their respective stations, Brother Sprout acting as Grand Marshal. The brethren of this lodge are deficient in masonic knowledge. I suggested to them that they arrange for a school of instruction, and I would try and send them a Custodian. Imagine my disappointment when I afterwards learned that they had refused the proffered services of Brother Griswold. I have not heard from the lodge of late, hence cannot report as to its condition.

I am under many obligations to Brother Sprout for the valuable services he rendered on that occasion.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Dispensations for new lodges have been granted as follows:

Jan. 13, 1899, to Vernon Center Lodge, U. D. at Vernon Center, Blue Earth county, with Edwin D. Cornish as Worshipful Master, Henry Kraus Senior Warden, and B. F. Fernald Junior Warden.

March 2, 1899, to Stewart Lodge U. D., at Stewart, McLeod county, with F. G. Wright as Worshipful Master, Allen H. Wilson Senior Warden, and M. M. Prindle, Junior Warden.

March 6, 1899, reissued dispensation to Park Region Lodge, at Elbow Lake, Grand county, with Wm. R. Hand as Worshipful Master, Henry M. Barker Senior Warden, and Harold Thorson Junior Warden.

June 6, 1899, to Valley Lodge, at Hendrum, Norman county, with Wm. Anderson as Worshipful Master, James Anderson Senior Warden, and Henry Marsdon Junior Warden.

July 28, 1899, to Magnolia Lodge, at Sherburn, Martin county, with C. E. Green as Worshipful Master, E. J. Calkins Senior Warden, and C. W. Dillman Junior Warden.

Aug. 19, 1899, to Chisago Lodge, at North Branch, Chisago county, with Edwin M. Dahlby as Worshipful Master, Geo. Rowell Senior Warden, and Jno. L. Oleson Junior Warden.

These brethren will undoubtedly present their work for inspection, and, if found worthy, I recommend that charters be granted.

I refused to consider a petition for a lodge at Easton, believing that the conditions at present will not warrant it. There are to my knowledge some five or six petitions for new lodges in course of preparation. These are, in the main at least, from brethren favorably situated, in places capable of sustaining good healthy lodges. This to my mind is a matter of congratulation, as it emphasizes the fact that we are enjoying a season of prosperity in common with other institutions of the country.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a dispensation to Norman Lodge, No. 154, and to Arcana Lodge, No. 187, to change their place of meeting. The usual number of dispensations have been granted to various lodges to sublet halls, to hold special elections to fill vacancies and to confer degrees at the request of other lodges. As these dispensations involved no new questions, and the requirements of the constitution had been complied with, I will not take up your time by enumerating them.

DECISIONS.

At the beginning of the year I determined to make as few decisions as possible, believing that the ground was so thoroughly covered as to render new decisions unnecessary. There seems to be some questions that are not well understood, and in order to again bring them to the attention of the craft, though perhaps in a little different way, I will give you a brief review of a very few.

Question: In the absence of the Master, has a Past Junior Warden the right to confer degrees? He was holding no office in the lodge at the time, and conferred the Fellow Craft Degree in the absence of the Master.

Answer: No. No one has any right to confer degrees except the officer whose right it is to preside. Said officer may, however, call to his assistance any qualified brother.

Question: Can a Past Master open lodge and order a ballot spread on a petition for the degrees when the Junior Warden is present, when said Past Master was not requested to take the chair by the Junior Warden, the Master being absent and the Senior Warden not having arrived at the time of the opening.

Answer: No. See section 20 of Grand Lodge constitution. The meeting held under these conditions was unconstitutional, and consequently void and of no effect.

Statement: A number of brethren were regularly dropped from the roll for nonpayment of dues. At the next meeting a motion was made to reconsider the motion whereby such action was taken.

Question: Was such a motion in order?

Answer: No. They can be restored to membership only in the regular way.

Statement: A petition is received from a man who has not lived within the jurisdiction of the lodge the required length of time. The petition is accompanied by a waiver of jurisdiction from one of the many lodges in the city where the applicant formally resided.

Question: Is it necessary to secure a waiver from all the lodges having concurrent jurisdiction?

Answer: No lodge has any jurisdiction over a nonresident; hence in the case referred to the city lodges had no jurisdiction to waive.

The applicant will have to wait until he has acquired a masonic residence.

Statement: A member is stricken from the roll for nonpayment of dues. He applies to the door of the lodge room for admission. The acting master refuses him admission, and in support of his position, refers to the decision of 1887, page 27, which declares that a brother legally stricken from the roll for nonpayment of dues has not the right of visitation. A brother sitting in the lodge objects to this ruling, and refers to a decision of 1875, page 32, which says that a brother stricken from the roll for nonpayment of dues is in the same position as a nonaffiliate Mason, so far as the rights and honors are concerned.

Question: Which one of these decisions is right?

Answer: I sustained the action of the acting Master. It is true that the constitution permits a nonaffiliate the right to visit a lodge three times, but by a decision of 1859 no resident nonaffiliate is allowed to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction after he has resided in said jurisdiction for six months, which decision would apply to the party in question. While there is a seeming discrepancy in these two decisions when viewed from the position taken by the brother objecting to the ruling of the Master of this lodge, yet I am of the opinion that the framers of the constitution had in mind nonaffiliates holding dimitts, rather than nonaffiliates who became so by reason of their own negligence, as the constitution clearly declares it to be the duty of every Mason to belong to a lodge, and to be a contributing member thereof. The first lesson we are taught in Masonry is equality. We must bear the burdens if we would enjoy the benefits.

Statement: A brother holding the position of bartender stands before the lodge convicted of that offence.

Question: Has the lodge the option to suspend or expel at its judgment, or is expulsion the only penalty attached?

Answer: Each lodge should decide what penalty should be pronounced, according to the circumstances attending the case and its own good judgment.

Statement: An entered apprentice changes his place of residence. The lodge at the place where he has moved to receives a request from the Secretary of the lodge conferring the degree, asking them to post the brother.

Question: Is this legal information?

Answer: Requests of this kind should be signed by the Worshipful Master, attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the lodge.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

On the 25th of October, accompanied by R.^o. W.^o. Bro. A. Brandenberg, and assisted by competent and efficient local brethren, I dedicated the splendid new hall of Crookston Lodge, No. 141, at Crook-

ston. The entire section of country was represented upon this occasion, and the brethren are to be congratulated upon the possession of a hall of such beauty, elegance and convenience, and upon their success in making visitors feel happy and at home. Much praise is justly due W. Bro. Tom Morris, Master of Crookston Lodge, for the skill and ability displayed in the conception and completion of this edifice. After the hall had been dedicated a candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. After the lodge was closed a delightful banquet was served in their new banquet hall, and enjoyed by all. Brother Morris again took the gavel, and the feast of reason and flow of soul began, and continued until the "wee sma' hours." We had a grand good time, and the occasion will long be remembered.

CORNER STONES.

On the 19th day of August, by invitation of Bro. A. A. Doolittle, Worshipful Master of Summit Lodge, No. 163, assisted by R. Bro. Alonzo Brandenburg, Deputy Grand Master, R. Bro. A. D. Countryman, Senior Grand Warden, M. Bro. E. W. Durant, as Junior Grand Warden, M. Bro. H. R. Denny, as Grand Treasurer, R. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. H. M. Tusler, Grand Marshal, I laid the corner stone of Summit Lodge Hall, in the city of St. Paul, in accordance with our time honored custom. Bro. M. L. Countryman of St. Paul delivered a most eloquent oration, which was listened to with the keenest attention. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Damascus Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, and with the various lodges of St. Paul in line, led by an excellent band of music formed a long and imposing procession. The arrangements were most complete, and Summit Lodge is to be congratulated upon their enterprise and in the possession of their new and spacious hall. After the ceremony the Grand Lodge was entertained at a sumptuous banquet.

FIRES.

On the 10th of January, 1899, the hall of Kellogg Lodge, No. 122, was destroyed by fire, and the contents consumed, including the charter.

On the 28th of July the hall of Elgin Lodge, No. 115, at Elgin, was consumed by fire, and everything but the records was lost, including the charter.

On the 26th of December the hall, furniture, records and charter of Canton Lodge, No. 194, at Canton, was destroyed by fire. To these lodges I gave dispensation to hold their meetings in other halls until they could provide themselves with new ones. I recommend that duplicate charters be issued these lodges without fee.

WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL.

In compliance with the request made by the Grand Lodge at its last session, I attended the memorial service at Mount Vernon, on the 14th of December, held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the death of our W. M. Bro. George Washington. As your representative on that memorable occasion, I am pleased to report that while the attendance was larger than had been expected, the arrangements were most complete and appropriate and admirably carried out in every detail, and the committee in charge received, as they richly deserved, the gratitude of all who were so fortunate as to be present.

Three thousand Master Masons from every grand jurisdiction in this country gathered about the tomb of Washington, and reenacted, as far as possible, the solemn masonic rites which marked the obsequies of 100 years ago, after which, upon the pillared porch of the old mansion where the first president of the United States had lived and died, our Brother McKinley, now president of the United States, stood, with uncovered head, and delivered to the assembled multitude a ringing oration. He was followed by M. W. Bro. Duke, Grand Master of Virginia. Solemn dirges were sounded by military bands, while from forts and gunboats came the steady booming of salutes. The scene was grand, solemn and impressive. Ten thousand American citizens were there assembled to pay homage to the memory of "The Father of His Country." It was a generous outpouring of a grateful people.

The exercises of the day closed with a reception to all visiting Masons and their families at the Willard Hotel, followed by a banquet given by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to the visiting Grand Masters, at the Ebbitt House.

It gave me much pleasure to appoint as delegates from this Grand Jurisdiction the following brethren, who were in Washington at the time: Bros. J. A. Tawney, Frank Eddy, H. F. Stevens, and C. C. Whitney, who ably assisted in representing the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

On Wednesday, the 13th of December, the representatives of the various jurisdictions were invited to attend the opening session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, at Alexandria. After the Grand Lodge was opened, the roll of states was called, and representatives from forty-two Grand Jurisdictions responded with brief addresses, your Grand Master being among the number.

This masonic gathering will go down to history as a most remarkable one. Never before were there gathered together so many Masons from so many Grand Jurisdictions. Not only was every jurisdiction of this country represented, but representatives were present from Canada, Nova Scotia and Belgium, while England and several foreign countries were represented by brothers commissioned for that purpose.

While the interest centered in and around Washington, the day was generally observed by the craft all over the length and breadth of this land, and I was highly gratified with the hearty response given to my suggestion that the lodges of this jurisdiction join in paying tribute to him of whom it is said he was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

I am justly proud of the patriotic Masons in Minnesota and the part they took in making memorable the 14th day of December, 1899. No one could attend any of these exercises without becoming at once a better man, a better citizen and a greater lover of his country.

In this connection, permit me to say that I received on June last a communication from the chairman of the executive committee of the Washington Centennial, requesting to know what this Grand Lodge would do towards the expenses of the proposed ceremonies. I replied by saying that the Grand Lodge failed to make an appropriation at its last session, and I was therefore unable to answer. I call the attention of the Grand Lodge to this communication that they may take the matter under advisement. I am informed that, while many Grand Jurisdictions responded to the request, the receipts were insufficient to defray the expenses.

CUSTODIANS.

The work of the Board of Custodians has not been as extensive as heretofore, Brother Griswold being the only member of the board who has held schools of instruction. This is to be regretted. The system of instruction, although devised and put in operation but a few years ago, has done much, not only in promulgating the ritualistic work, but also in stimulating a desire on the part of the brethren to know more of the history, principles and laws of Masonry. Perhaps I have not given this matter as careful consideration as it deserves, leaving it to the individual members of the board to select places to hold their prescribed six schools of instruction where they deemed advisable. The Grand Master, through the reports received from the District Deputies, is in possession of much information that would be of value to the board in selecting places to hold schools of instruction.

I reappointed Brother Griswold to succeed himself as a member of the board, his term having expired, and Bro. David B. Knowlton of Minneapolis to succeed Brother Raymond, deceased.

Brother Griswold held eight schools during the year, at a cost to the Grand Lodge of \$136.45. I would recommend that the sum of \$500 be again appropriated for this work for the coming year.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

At the commencement of the year I rearranged the thirty-four districts of the state, with a view of making the lodges more accessible for the Deputies, according to the lines of travel in each district, and appointed Deputies who, according to the best information obtainable, would perform the duties assigned them. The result has been most satisfactory. Owing perhaps to the discussion had one year ago regarding District Deputies, their work shows a marked improvement over former years. Ninety lodges have been visited by nineteen Deputies. Some of the Deputies, by reason of unavoidable circumstances, were not able to do the work they had intended, and others were able to visit only a portion of the lodges in their district. I notice by the reports that some of the lodges do not pay the Deputies for their expenses incurred in making these visitations. It is quite enough to ask the Deputies to give their time in making preparation and in visiting without asking them to bear expense as well.

Some lodges pay these expenses voluntarily; others neglect to ask the Deputy concerning them, and he is too modest to inform them. Most of the reports came in too late to act upon the suggestions made by the Deputies, but I shall take pleasure in turning them over to my successor for his guidance and information. I am still a firm believer in the District Deputy system, but am also of the belief that, to obtain the best results, this Grand Lodge should in some manner, give greater recognition to the position.

VISITATIONS.

Within the year it has been my privilege to make more visitations than during the preceding year. I have always been received with the utmost courtesy and consideration. The honors due the office have been generously tendered in a way that gives ample assurance of the brotherly regard and steadfast loyalty of the craft. The memory of the exhibitions of brotherly love and the many kindnesses received at the hands of my brethren will ever be treasured as among the pleasantest events of my life. I will not weary you with a detailed statement of these visits, but I cannot pass this subject without referring to my visit to St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, upon the occasion of the semi-centennial anniversary of the introduction of Masonry into Minnesota, on the 8th of September last. The occasion was a memorable and important one. The lodge room was filled with members of the lodge and visiting brethren, who listened attentively to a most exhaustive and interesting history of the lodge, which was prepared and presented by Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf. The first masonic lodge ever convened in the state was a meeting of St. Paul Lodge U. D. S.,

held Sept. 8, 1849. The early history of this lodge is the early history of Masonry in Minnesota, and it is to be hoped that Brother Metcalf's researches will be left for the benefit of the craft in the years that are to come. The banquet which followed this meeting, and the eloquence of the brethren which seasoned it, were features of the ever-to-be-remembered occasion.

Permit me to suggest, in this connection, that the semi-centennial of this Grand Lodge will occur in 1903, and it would be well for us at this session to so far arrange to observe the event as to appoint a Historian, or a committee to prepare a history of this Grand Body, for the first fifty years of its existence, to be presented on that occasion.

One year ago I stated to you that, with the death of Bro. Charles P. Stearns, who died in 1898, the last surviving founder of this Grand Body had passed away. Brother Metcalf, in his researches, discovered still another, in the person of Bro. D. W. C. Dunwell, who was Senior Warden of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, when the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized, in 1853. His Grand Lodge number is 29. He was a merchant by occupation, born in the State of New York, and resided in Brooklyn, Dakota county. He was initiated in St. Mary's Lodge, No. 121, Ohio, and now resides in Lewiston, Idaho. I would suggest that the Grand Secretary write Brother Dunwell, asking him for his recollections of the early history of Masonry in Minnesota. It would be a most interesting document to be laid away in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren have been commissioned by me during the year, as our Grand Representatives, near their respective Grand Lodges:

Alabama—Bro. Benjamin F. Pope, Gadsden.

British Columbia—John Buce, New Westminster. On the 3d of August, 1899, Brother Buce died, and I appointed Bro. Charles E. Tisdall of Vancouver as his successor.

Georgia—Bro. John H. Harrell, Bainbridge.

Idaho—Bro. Reese Pickering, Genesee.

Indiana—Bro. Orlando W. Brownback, Pendleton.

Louisiana—Bro. L. L. Shwartz, New Orleans.

Montana—Bro. Theodore Brantly, Helena.

Nebraska—Bro. Wm. W. Keysor, Omaha.

New Jersey—Bro. Edwin Venable, Long Branch.

New Mexico—Bro. Arthur Boyle, Santa Fe.

New South Wales—Bro. Arthur J. Scott.

North Carolina—Bro. F. D. Winston, Windsor.

Oregon—Bro. Geo. L. Story, Portland.

South Carolina—Bro. J. W. Ardrey, Fort Mill.

There have been commissioned as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge during the year the following brethren, to wit:

Alabama—Bro. A. Brandenburg.
Colorado—Bro. Roland H. Hartley.
California—Bro. W. F. Dickinson.
Georgia—Wm. B. Patton.
Illinois—Bro. A. T. Stebbins.
Michigan—Bro. A. Brandenburg.
Montana—Bro. A. D. Countryman.
New Mexico—Bro. Charles G. Hinds.
New South Wales—Bro. Henry M. Tusler.
North Carolina—Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague.
Oregon—Bro. G. S. Ives.
Rhode Island—Bro. Henry R. Adams.
South Carolina—Bro. Irving Todd.
Victoria—Bro. Charles N. Akers.
Virginia—Bro. Edgar Nash.

These brethren have received their commissions, through our Grand Secretary, and an opportunity will be presented, if time permits, for their official reception during this session.

DIGEST.

It has been the custom every five years for this Grand Lodge to authorize the publication of a revised edition of Todd's Digest, and this is the year for such publication. If this is decided on, I would recommend a careful revision, eliminating such decisions as are mere repetitions, and especially to have prepared a comprehensive index. Then, if the Grand Lodge Constitution were to be published in the same book, the completed work would be most valuable to the subordinate lodges. The digest, as it is, is indispensable, but with the work published as indicated the lodges would commit fewer errors, and the Grand Master's work would be materially lessened.

CONCLUSION.

These, my brethren, are the most important features of the year's history. I have spared you, by not giving a detailed account of my official visits, of the hundreds of letters received and written, of the questions answered, and advice given.

To say the least, the year has been a busy one. Each new lodge organized adds more work, and increases the duties of the Grand Master. Yet despite the labor and anxiety which accompanies the office, the year has been an enjoyable one, and my only regret is, that I have not been able to render more efficient service, and thus show

more fully my appreciation of the many favors received at your hands. I have ever endeavored to discharge the duties of this high and responsible position to the best of my ability, and have not knowingly shrunk from any obligation imposed by our constitution and regulations. If I have done aught to receive your commendation, I am truly thankful. Whatever you have seen amiss, I crave your indulgence and lenient judgment.

At the close of this session, I return to you the gavel, that emblem of authority which you so generously placed in my hands two years ago. As I have attended every session of this Grand Body for the past sixteen years, so I hope to attend every session in the future, until age forbids, joining hands with you in laboring for the prosperity of our great fraternity. Let us then, my brethren, go boldly forward, thankful for the glorious past, trustfully and prayerfully confident of a yet more glorious future.

A. T. STEBBINS,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

At the close of another year of unceasing labor in behalf of Masonry in general and this Grand Lodge in particular, I have the honor to herewith submit my eleventh annual report as your Grand Secretary.

I might imitate the report once made by an eastern Grand Secretary, who, in a line, submitted with his books and papers the simple statement that the duties of his office had been promptly and faithfully attended to, but you have a right to expect, and it is my pleasure to give in detail, a general report of my official acts during the past year, and a statement of the conditions of the lodges in our beloved North Star State.

Twelve hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of 1899 were printed, and given the usual distribution, as soon as practicable after the close of the last session. It takes a great many copies to supply the increasing demand of masonic libraries and individual brethren at home and abroad, but these are cheerfully furnished where I think they will be appreciated, read and preserved. Where sets have been donated to lodges or brethren at home, I have exacted a promise that they be bound as soon as possible.

The charters granted last year for new lodges, viz., Minnesota, No. 224, Minneapolis; Justice, No. 225, Lamberton, and Lincoln, No. 226, Milaca, were prepared, signed and duly delivered to the Grand Master or other constituting officer.

The thirty-four districts were carefully rearranged for facility of travel, and commissions issued to the District Deputies.

The list of Grand Representatives was revised and fifteen new commissions issued to brethren in other Grand Jurisdictions, as stated by the Grand Master. On his recommendation, an equal number of commissions passed through my office to honored brethren in this jurisdiction. A record of all commissions to and from Minnesota is carefully kept.

By direction of the Grand Master, I issued dispensations for new lodges as follows, preliminary requirements having been met: Vernon Center, January 13th; Stewart, March 2d; Park Region, at Elbow Lake (renewal), March 6th; Valley at Hendrum, June 6th; Magnolia at Sherburn, July 28th, and Chisago at North Branch, August 19th. They have all done some work, sent in returns, and ask for charters. Their minute books are here for examination.

RETURNS.

I have received returns from each of the 210 chartered lodges and the six U. D., although several were not in my hands until within a day or two. Seventy-six came to hand after January 2d, and thirty-six after January 4th, the last day of grace allowed under our rules. They were made out on a new blank, of which I had 5,000 printed. Although the form of the membership report and statement of account had been improved, and simplified if possible, there were numerous errors, owing chiefly to the inexperience of new secretaries, of which there are eighty-four this year. In the main, I have no fault to find. Several returns are models of excellence; all were accompanied with fees and dues. Most of the errors referred to were in the overpayment of dues, of which I received \$69.80 from forty-two lodges, ranging from forty cents to \$5.20. Only two were short in payment. More work has been done than in any of the previous six years, the net increase in membership being greater than for any of the three years last past. The following is a summary: Initiated, 970; passed, 911; raised, 918; joined, 433; restored, 57; total gain, 1,408. Withdrawn, 448; stricken from the roll, 289; suspended, none; expelled, 2; died, 187; total loss, 926. Net gain, 482. Total present membership, 16,401.

There are 133 lodges showing a gain, sixty-six a loss, and seventeen remain as before. Most of these eighty-three lodges which show no sign of growth are to be found among the earliest lodges organized, and twenty-two of them did no work whatever during the year. The work of the other 133 lodges ranges from one degree conferred up to 103.

Twenty-five lodges have each conferred twenty-five degrees and over, as follows, being over two-fifths of all the work done, or 1,135

degrees out of 2,798: No. 19, Minneapolis, 103; No. 176, Minneapolis, 82; No. 163, St. Paul, 65; No. 18, Winona, 64; No. 79, Duluth, 63; No. 3, St. Paul, 62; No. 91, Redwood Falls, 59; No. 112, Minneapolis, 56; No. 186, Duluth, 55; No. 119, Marshall, 52; No. 224, Minneapolis, 45; No. 198, West Duluth, 42; No. 141, Crookston, 40; No. 168, St. Paul, 40; No. 5, St. Paul, 39; No. 100, Brainerd, 30; No. 124, Janesville, 29; No. 22, Pleasant Grove, 27; No. 113, Excelsior, 27; No. 140, Little Falls, 27; No. 39, Austin, 26; No. 54, St. Peter, 26; No. 218, Dassel, 26; No. 128, Mapleton, 25; No. 164, Rush City, 25.

FINANCIAL.

The receipts from fees and dues for 1899 have been \$8,770.60, and \$297.78 from other sources, a total of \$9,079.16, as appears in detail in my cash book. The items of the above \$297.78 are: \$75 for charter fees, \$100 dispensation fees, \$68.40 arrears of dues for 1898, \$18.60 refunded account of mileage and per diem in two cases paid erroneously, and \$35.78 refunded account of relief funds. All of the above receipts have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, whose receipt I hold. The \$69.80 over payments from lodges will be returned or placed to their credit as the Grand Lodge may direct. I also received the sum of \$23 from Antiquity Lodge, No. 91, Redwood Falls, in July last, as their contribution to brother Masons at New Richmond, Wis., who suffered loss by the fearfully destructive tornado of last summer. I forwarded the amount to the Grand Secretary of Wisconsin, and hold his receipt. He also returned an appreciative letter, which I sent to the lodge. I have drawn sixty-three orders on the Grand Treasurer, aggregating \$8,381.02, somewhat more than our entire receipts of a year ago. Of this amount \$3,120, or \$300 more than the year before, was disbursed for charitable purposes to twenty-four needy brethren, their widows or orphans. Reports of these disbursements have only been made in fifteen cases.

All my financial books, papers and vouchers have been submitted to the Committee on Finance, for their investigation.

I have received several petitions for restoration from brethren expelled or indefinitely suspended by their respective lodges years ago, and several appeals, all of which will be handed to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The usual reduced rates have been secured on all the railroads traversing the state, thus effecting a great saving to all attending Grand Lodge, and reducing our pay roll accordingly. The joint railroad agent will be here all day to-morrow, to countersign certificates after being signed by me. I had to advance eleven dollars for this purpose, same as last year.

I have prepared a model code of by-laws that I think should be

printed and samples furnished to lodges for their guidance. About eighty lodges have failed as yet to send in copies of their by-laws, as directed by Grand Lodge two years ago.

I have started a book which will when completed give the name of every elective officer of every lodge in the state since organization, and the date of his installation.

I sent circulars of inquiry to the secretaries lately, calling for historical and other data, which can be utilized in preparing a history of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, by some future Masonic historian, and have received numerous responses, some very complete. I am in hearty accord with the proposition of our Grand Master, to observe the semi-centennial of our organization as a Grand Lodge, three years hence, and if we decide to do so, it is high time to begin preparation for such an interesting event.

As librarian, I would report that hundreds of the proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Commanderies and bodies of the Scottish Rites, many of them bound, have been added to our shelves the past year, as well as about 200 volumes of our own Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter proceedings, which I had bound at home. A copy of "Jewels of Masonic Oratory" was donated by the compiler, L. S. Myer. I have purchased for the library Mackey's great work on Freemasonry, in twenty-one numbers, Robertson's "History of Freemasonry in Canada," in two large volumes, a history of fraternities, and some minor volumes—all worthy of place on our shelves. I am also in receipt of about twenty Masonic periodicals, many of them of permanent value, and occasionally receive Masonic pamphlets and circulars of more or less value and interest.

I would respectfully call attention to what I said last year concerning the matter of enlightening our brethren and lodges on our laws and usages, by publishing a cheap hand book on same, uniform petitions, etc.; also, as to the propriety of abolishing all exemptions from paying Grand Lodge dues. Only a few lodges lawfully make these exemptions.

The Grand Lodge register is fully posted to January 1st last; also, the index in connection therewith; also, the ledger accounts with lodges for fees and dues.

It has been my pleasure to take part in several Masonic functions during the year and to respond to a number of invitations to visit lodges. Some such at a distance I have been compelled to decline, much to my regret. I constituted Lincoln Lodge, No. 226, at Milaca, last February, and installed their officers. Last Friday, in the presence of a large company of the friends of the brethren, I installed the officers of Midway Lodge, No. 185, in their new lodge hall, at Hamline, my home. This was peculiarly gratifying to me, as I thus had the

privilege of installing as Worshipful Master my second son, who now assists me here, and on whom I conferred the several craft degrees only a little over two years ago.

In conclusion, I congratulate the Grand Lodge on the evidences of prosperity which the returns indicate, and that peace and harmony prevail. I heartily thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for the encouragement and support you have given me at all times, and for the many expressions of your confidence, and I also desire to thank all other officers and brethren with whom I have had official intercourse for their uniform kindness and courtesy.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Grand Lodge:

I herewith submit my financial report for the past year:

1899.

Jan. 11. Cash on hand as per report..... \$10,212.90

1900.

Jan. 17. Cash received from Tho's. Montgomery, Grand
Secretary 9,079.16

Total..... \$19,292.06

ORDERS PAID AND HEREWITH SUBMITTED.

1899.	No.		
Jan. 12.	1—	E. P. Barnum, Custodian.....	\$19.50
Jan. 12.	2—	W. F. Dickinson, Custodian.....	24.90
Jan. 12.	3—	W. B. Patton, Custodian.....	14.60
Jan. 12.	4—	Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	18.50
Jan. 12.	5—	Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	18.00
Jan. 12.	6—	A. T. Stebbins, expense as Grand Master...	300.00
Jan. 12.	7—	Jean C. Fischer, Grand Tyler.....	31.00
Jan. 12.	8—	Irving Todd, Assistant Grand Secretary....	25.00
Jan. 12.	9—	Irving Todd, report on Correspondence....	100.00
Jan. 12.	10—	T. Montgomery, six months' rent, \$100; con- tingent expenses, \$200; clerk, \$5.00.....	305.00
Jan. 12.	11—	J. H. Thompson, relief M. C. Burnside.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	12—	John M. Rowley, Worshipful Master, No. 21, relief M. J. Burroughs and C. A. Ather- ton	100.00

Jan. 12.	13—T. Montgomery, deficit contingent fund....	58.50
Jan. 12.	14—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Jan. 12.	15—J. H. Thompson, pay roll, 1899.....	2,317.82
Jan. 12.	16—T. Montgomery, for Stiles Raymond.....	150.00
Jan. 12.	17—Paul L. Vranigan, Worshipful Master No. 12, widow of S. S. Rardon.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	18—A. M. Adsit, Worshipful Master No. 35, for Wm. Lee.....	150.00
Jan. 12.	19—N. G. Hazen, Worshipful Master No. 36, for J. S. Benedict.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	20—Ezra P. Chase, Worshipful Master No. 40, for H. Laurentzen.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	21—C. G. Hinds, Worshipful Master No. 44, for Robt. C. Newell.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	22—H. S. Doty, Worshipful Master No. 60, for Wm. German.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	23—John W. Jenson, Worshipful Master No. 78, widow of W. B. Mitchell.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	24—A. R. Campbell, Worshipful Master No. 81, for M. E. Van Cott.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	25—Joel D. Hayford, Worshipful Master No. 89, for J. H. McKenney.....	150.00
Jan. 12.	26—W. R. Caswell, Worshipful Master No. 91, for widow David Watson.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	27—W. G. Merrifield, Worshipful Master No. 95, for Martha Hawes—widow.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	28—Olof Olson, Worshipful Master No. 104, for widow of Peter Odell.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	29—Geo. P. Dickinson, Worshipful Master No. 113, for Bro. H. H. Porter.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	30—John P. Houg, Worshipful Master No. 114, for widow Robt. Herren.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	31—T. S. Morton, Worshipful Master No. 123, for widow G. A. Reynolds.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	32—James T. Emerson, Worshipful Master No. 128, for Bro. J. B. Hill.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	33—T. Montgomery, for L. B. Woolson of No. 138.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	34—M. C. Willford, Worshipful Master No. 194, for Frank Miles.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	35—A. L. Ritter, Worshipful Master No. 207, for Ellen Odell.....	100.00
Jan. 12.	36—Henry L. Simons, Worshipful Master No. 42, for Mrs. T. A. Turnbull.....	50.00
Feb. 6.	37—Chas. Griswold, school at Stewartville.....	20.15

Feb. 12.	38—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Feb. 20.	39—Chas. Griswold, school at Mazeppa.....	17.15
Mar. 3.	40—T. Montgomery, 1,250 pictures Stebbins.....	43.75
Mar. 8.	41—Chas. Griswold, school at Lanesboro.....	21.70
Mar. 17.	42—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Mar. 18.	43—Chas. Griswold, school of Eyota.....	19.75
Mar. 18.	44—Pioneer Press Company, on printing bills...	450.00
April 1.	45—Chas. Griswold, school at Dodge Center...	16.90
April 7.	46—T. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary.	312.50
April 12.	47—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
April 14.	48—L. N. Bryant, insurance premium.....	48.00
May 12.	49—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
May 25.	50—Chas. Griswold, school at Dassel.....	15.00
June 12.	51—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
June 30.	52—T. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary.	312.50
July 10.	53—T. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on rent..	100.00
July 12.	54—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Aug. 12.	55—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Sept. 12.	56—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Sept. 30.	57—T. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary.	312.50
Oct. 13.	58—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Nov. 4.	59—Chas. Griswold, school at St. Paul.....	11.20
Nov. 13.	60—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Dec. 13.	61—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	60.00
Dec. 13.	62—Chas. Griswold, school at Northfield.....	14.60
Dec. 31.	63—T. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary.	312.50
Total (sixty-three orders paid).....		\$8,381.02
Jan. 1, 1900.	Cash on hand.....	10,911.04
		<u>\$19,292.06</u>

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

DEBIT.

1899.

Jan. 12.	Cash on hand, as per report.....	\$1,118.90
Jan. 12.	Bonds on hand, as per report.....	20,000.00
Mar. 13.	Interest, six months on \$15,000 of above.....	300.00
June 30.	Interest, six months on \$5,000 of above.....	100.00
Sept. 29.	Interest, six months on \$15,000 of above.....	300.00
Dec. 31.	Interest, six months on \$5,000 of above.....	100.00
Total.....		<u>\$21,918.90</u>

CREDIT.

Jan. 12.	Bonds as reported, par value.....	\$20,000.00
Oct. 2.	Minneapolis city bond purchased, four and one-half per cent.....	1,151.20
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Jan. 17.	Cash on hand.....	767.70
	Total.....	\$21,918.90

ASSETS WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Twenty City of Minneapolis registered bonds, \$1,000 each, Nos. 2067, 2068, 3300 to 3308 inclusive, 3267, 3269, 3270, 3277, 3298, 3299, 5803, 5804, at four per cent, and No. 1101, at four and one-half per cent, par value.....	\$20,000.00
One St. Louis county bond, No. 59, at four per cent, par value	1,000.00
Cash on hand.....	767.70
Total.....	\$21,767.70

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered printed, as an appendix to the proceedings.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for division and reference, respectfully recommend—

1. That so much as relates to deceased brethren be referred to a special committee of five.

2. That so much as relates to dispensations for new lodges and charters destroyed by fire be referred to the Committee on Lodges U. S. D.:

3. That so much as relates to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much as relates to expenses of the Washington Memorial, and also the Board of Custodians, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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the custody of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and by this resolution it does restore St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, to its rank as the third chartered lodge on the roll of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and does establish and continue St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, as said original lodge, and does confirm and make valid the work and acts of said St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, done or performed since Jan. 10, 1856, as fully in all respects and for all intents and purposes as if said charter of 1853 had not been accepted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and had been during all said time the charter under which said Lodge had been working.

REPORT ON DISSEMINATION OF THE WORK.

Bro. L. A. Barnes, chairman of the special committee appointed last year to devise some plan for a more thorough dissemination of the esoteric work, particularly among the smaller lodges, submitted a voluminous report, closing with the recommendation of the adoption of a series of six resolutions, or sections, providing for a system of District Deputies practically as at present, and fourteen sections, providing for a Board of Custodians, and defining their powers and duties. The preamble to said recommendations recites the importance of the work entrusted to the committee, and their zeal in obtaining information from various sources at home and abroad, and gives a statement of the various methods heretofore adopted in this state for teaching said work.

The report of the committee, with accompanying recommendations, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who, through their chairman, Bro. H. R. Wells, brought in a verbal report to the effect, that, after fully considering the subject all afternoon, no two were agreed as to the proposed plan, and recommending that the whole matter be laid over and disposed of by the Grand Master according to his judgment, after full investigation.

Brother Barnes took exceptions to this course, claiming that his report, which cost so much thought, time and labor in preparation, should be carefully considered by Grand Lodge, and moved that further action be postponed until the evening session, when the report should be fully discussed and disposed of. This was carried. [For the sake of continuity, the action taken at the evening session is given at this time.]

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The amended report ordered to be printed is as follows:

To the M. & W. Grand Lodge:

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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1. That the Grand Master be authorized to divide this jurisdiction into at least thirty-four districts, which shall be composed of not less than four lodges each, and to appoint in each of said districts some competent brother, who shall have attained the rank of Master of a lodge, whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall hold said office during the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

2. It shall be the duty of said District Deputy Grand Master to visit each lodge in his district at least once in each year, to thoroughly examine all books of account and records of the lodge, the finances and how they are administered, to inquire as to the attendance of its officers and members, and as to its lodge room, whether it is secure, suitable and properly furnished; to report to the Grand Master in writing on or before the first day of December in each year (which report shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge and selections from it, under the direction of the Grand Master, published in the Grand Lodge proceedings) in regard to all lodges visited by him in his district, showing the condition of each of such lodges, as to their finances, membership, records, work, attendance, and such other matters as in his judgment the good of Masonry may require; and to perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge and Grand Master may direct.

3. That, when said District Deputy Grand Master makes his official visitations, and at other times when he is to be known in his official capacity, he may wear an appropriate jewel designated by this Grand Lodge.

4. That subordinate lodges are authorized and requested to pay from the funds of their respective lodges the actual expenses incurred by said District Deputy Grand Master by reason of his official visitations.

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5. The District Deputies will have a general oversight of each lodge, reporting to the Grand Master from time to time any irregularities in work or practice, or any departure from masonic law or usage, beyond their power to correct, which may come to their notice. All questions of masonic law calling for an authoritative decision, and all applications for dispensations for any purpose whatsoever, must be referred to the Grand Master. Should a District Deputy Grand Master neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties assigned him, it will be cause for his removal, and the Grand Master shall have authority to remove said deputy and appoint another in his stead for the unexpired term.

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS.

1. There shall be a Board of Custodians of the Work, consisting of five brethren, to be appointed by the Grand Master, each of whom shall be a member of some subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, the existing board to continue as such until their respective terms expire, when the Grand Master will appoint a successor to each for the term of five years.

2. The duties of said board shall be to hold a session of one week annually in St. Paul or Minneapolis, as they may from time to time determine, to rehearse in detail the established work and lectures, and, when requested to do so, to exemplify the same before the Grand Lodge. All or any of them to have authority under the direction of the Grand Master to visit such lodges as desire their services, and give instruction in the work and lectures, and to hold schools of instruction, at which the officers and members of a number of lodges may attend. For attendance at the Grand Lodge and the one week session required and other services above specified they shall receive the same pay, mileage, and per diem as Grand Lodge officers and members. The Grand Master shall have authority to remove from the board any member who, from inefficiency, incompetency or other good reason, is found unsuitable for the work, and to fill the vacancy; but such new member, before giving instruction, shall be required to perfect himself in the work as given by those whose terms have not expired, to the end that uniformity may prevail.

3. Within sixty days after the close of this communication of the Grand Lodge, the board, with consent of the Grand Master, shall divide the state into five districts, in some convenient manner.

4. There shall be held in each of said districts so established schools of instruction in the work and lectures. Such place shall be chosen as is most accessible, and will furnish free a suitable room, with light and heat. The school shall be in general charge of the board, and in particular care of the Custodian in whose district it is

held. The board shall make such rules and regulations as to time, place, duration and general management of said schools as may seem best for the accomplishment of the purpose for which they are held, which is declared to be the uniform rendition of the esoteric and ritualistic work throughout the state.

5. It is hereby made the duty of each lodge composing the group of lodges selected by the Custodian in charge to attend said schools of instruction, to send thereto the Master of the lodge, or one other brother to be selected by him, at the expense of the lodge, who, when proficient in the work and lectures, shall receive from the Custodian in charge a certificate thereof, to continue in force one year, or until revoked by the Custodian in charge of the district. If any lodge fails or neglects to send a representative to any of said schools of instruction when duly notified, it shall be the duty of the Custodian in charge to report that fact to the Grand Master.

6. On or before the first day of December in each year, each member of the board shall report in writing to the Grand Master (which report shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge, and selections from it, under direction of the Grand Master, published in the Grand Lodge proceedings) in regard to all lodges visited by him, the number of district schools of instruction held, the attendance at each, the number of certificates issued, and to whom, the number of lodge schools of instruction held, and the attendance at each, with name and number of lodge, and such other matter as in his judgment the good of Masonry may require.

7. A lodge desiring the attendance and instruction of a Custodian must forward to the Grand Master a request for such attendance. The Grand Master shall have authority to grant such request, if in his judgment the good of the lodge demands it.

8. The Grand Secretary shall, as soon after the appointment and assignment as is possible, notify each lodge, giving the name and post-office address and number of the district of the District Deputy Grand Master and Custodian of the district in which the lodge may be situated.

9. All resolutions, rules or regulations in conflict with or contrary to the above are hereby repealed and set aside.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. George R. Hall (63), was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

Resolved, That no appropriation shall be made by this Grand Lodge for the relief of a brother, a brother's family, or the family of a deceased brother, to exceed the sum of \$360 in any one year.

The Committee on Appropriations reported on same as follows, which report was adopted:

To the M.^o. W.^o. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appropriations beg leave to report that they have duly considered the foregoing resolution and recommend that the same be not adopted.

CHAS. G. HINDS,
O. M. BOTSFORD,
E. W. McCORD,

Committee.

REPORT ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

To the M.^o. W.^o. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges respectfully report that the annual returns were placed before us by the Grand Secretary on Monday last, with a tabulated abstract of same, which we have carefully examined and compared with returns and find correct. (Abstract attached; see Appendix C.)

The following is a summary: Initiated, 970; passed, 911; raised, 918; joined, 433; restored, 57; total gain in members, 1,408. Withdrawn, 448; stricken from roll, 289; expelled, 2; died, 187; total loss, 926. Net gain, 482; more than double that of 1898, a very gratifying showing.

We note with satisfaction the general response to the request for a property statement, only No. 203 failing to report. The assets reported are: Unpaid dues, \$40,729; other assets, including buildings, paraphernalia, cash and other property, \$335,832; total assets, \$376,561. Liabilities, \$52,836. We find that forty-four lodges own, or have an interest in, the building in which they meet.

The following overpayments of dues were made, according to the face of the returns: No. 9, 40 cents; No. 11, 80 cents; No. 12, 40 cents; No. 20, \$1.60; No. 21, \$1.60; No. 24, \$2; No. 27, \$1.60; No. 31, \$1.20; No. 33, \$2.40; No. 39, \$4.80; No. 42, \$2.40; No. 46, \$3.20; No. 48, \$1.20; No. 61, \$1.20; No. 79, \$5.20; No. 84, 40 cents; No. 87, \$2.40; No. 94, 40 cents; No. 98, 40 cents; No. 101, \$1.60; No. 102, \$3.60; No. 108, \$2.40; No. 109, 80 cents; No. 123, \$1.60; No. 126, \$1.60; No. 135, 40 cents; No. 136, \$2.80; No. 138, 80 cents; No. 143, \$4.40; No. 151, 80 cents; No. 152, \$1.20; No. 159, \$1.20; No. 176, \$1; No. 186, \$1.20; No. 191, \$1.20; No. 193, \$2.80; No. 204, 40 cents; No. 211, 40 cents; No. 213, \$1.60; No. 220, \$2; No. 221, 40 cents; No. 226, \$2.

These credits to lodges may vary somewhat when the Grand Lodge register is posted. We find that No. 38 still owes 60 cents and No. 92 \$5.20 unpaid dues. The above overpayments are unusual, and may be accounted for by the large number of new and unexperienced secretaries.

The following lodges failed to give lodge numbers: Nos. 1, 44, 45, 60, 89, 97, 99, 110, 115, 148, 152, 158, 167, 184, 204, 205, 206, 215, 224.

The following failed to have seal affixed: Nos. 23, 65, 100, 147, 173, 182, 193, 208.

The following omit ages: Nos. 101, 102, 109, 119, 141, 147, 148, 150, 152, 154, 162, 167, 172, 173, 177, 182, 190, 198.

Date of withdrawal omitted: No. 194.

Lodges omitting name of lodge joined from: Nos. 8, 32, 41, 207.

Several lodges failed to give age and birthplace of members joining. A number give lodge numbers to Entered Apprentices. They should only be given to Master Masons.

We are pleased to state that all the lodges had their returns in before our report was closed.

We wish to extend our thanks to Grand Secretary Montgomery for his efficient services rendered your committee in performing their work.

J. M. ROWLEY,
O. C. HANSON,
L. R. BARTO,

Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. Harvey Ricker (224), offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported verbally against the adoption of the resolution, which report was concurred in:

Resolved, That when an appointed officer of a lodge has failed for three consecutive meetings to be present in the discharge of his duty, without a valid excuse, or has left the jurisdiction of his lodge, the Worshipful Master is hereby empowered to declare his office vacant, and, by consent of two-thirds of the members present, may proceed to appoint and install a brother to fill said vacancy.

On motion of Bro. E. P. Barnum, the election of officers was made the special order for 2 p. m.

VENUS LODGE, NO. 202.—CHANGE OF NAME.

A petition, signed by all the officers and several other members of Venus Lodge, No. 202, of Dawson, Minn., praying for a change of the name of their lodge from Venus to Atelier, in accordance with a resolution of said lodge, adopted by a two-thirds vote, Aug. 9, 1898, which lodge action was officially certified to, was referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 p. m. Officers and members as before.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour for election of officers having arrived, the following tellers were appointed to collect and count the ballots, viz.: Bros. Chas. W. Miller (156), Henry Hahn (19), Chas. H. Cooper (168), W. A. Hubbard (40), and H. F. Weis (45).

A ballot was ordered taken for each elective officer, the Grand Secretary calling the roll of all entitled to vote. The following officers were declared duly elected:

Alonzo Brandenburg, Fergus Falls.....M.: W.: Grand Master
 Ambrose D. COUNTRYMAN, Appleton...R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master
 Gid S. Ives, St. Peter.....R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden
 Henry R. Adams, Minneapolis.....R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden
 Joseph H. Thompson, Minneapolis.....R.: W.: Grand Treasurer
 Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.....R.: W.: Grand Secretary

When the election of Brother Brandenburg as Grand Master was announced, the Past Grand Masters present were asked to retire and escort him into Grand Lodge. He was presented at the altar, and received with the Grand Honors, then conducted to the Grand East, and congratulated by Grand Master Stebbins, after which he returned thanks for the high honor conferred upon him.

While the ballots were being counted, as the election progressed, a number of committees reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the chairman alone (the other members being absent) has examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct in every particular.

The books of the Grand Secretary have also been examined, and found in nice shape, posted to date, and his receipts corresponding with his payments to the Grand Treasurer.

It is unnecessary to submit figures, as the reports of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, presented at this session, give all necessary details, and are quite comprehensive.

JOHN S. NELSON,
Chairman.

Adopted.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS—VENUS LODGE.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred the petition of Venus Lodge, No. 202, Dawson, for permission to change its chartered name from Venus to Atelier, respectfully recommend that the same be granted, the change to take effect from this date.

SAM. E. ADAMS,
C. W. NASH,
B. F. FARMER,
E. P. BARNUM,
ED. A. PARADIS,
Committee.

Adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS—MRS. PIERSON.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appropriations recommend that relief be extended to the widow of our late brother, A. T. C. Pierson, to the amount of \$360, payable through the Grand Secretary, at the rate of thirty dollars per month.

CHAS. G. HINDS,
O. M. BOTSFORD,
E. W. McCORD,
Committee.

The above report was discussed, more or less, by Brothers Hinds, H. R. Wells, Hall and West. A motion to amend by fixing the amount at \$500 was lost. The report as presented was then adopted.

ON DIGEST OF LAWS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the revision of Todd's Digest, respectfully

report, that we heartily agree with the Grand Master in favoring a revision, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master, of which the Grand Secretary shall be a member, to publish the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and prepare a digest of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge and decisions of the Grand Masters, which have been approved and sustained by the Grand Lodge, and now in force, since its organization, together with a comprehensive index of same; also, to prepare and publish with the above such other matter as the committee in their judgment deem advisable.

2. That this publication be bound in cloth, and be known as the Masonic Code of Minnesota, and that one copy be furnished gratis to each lodge in this jurisdiction, and to each of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge, and to each District Deputy, the same to remain the property of the Grand Lodge, the copies thus furnished to individual brethren to be passed over by them to their successors and to be accounted for annually.

3. That said committee be authorized to print and publish 500 copies of said code, and that the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for that purpose.

4. That copies undisposed of as provided above be sold by the Grand Secretary to members of the fraternity, at such price as may be decided on by the committee, the proceeds thereof to be turned into the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

R. T. McADAM,
S. L. FRAZER,
C. L. WEST,

Committee.

The above report was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, who reported that, as the Grand Lodge had not yet determined to publish a digest, no appropriation could be made; but expressing an opinion that \$500 was ample for the purpose indicated. The report of the Committee on Digest was then adopted, the item as to an appropriation of \$500 being referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS.

To the M.^a. W.^a. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred that part of the report of the special Committee on Digest calling for an appropriation, beg leave to report, that they have duly considered the same, and recommend that the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund for the

purpose of preparing, printing and binding 500 copies of the digest provided for by the resolutions on the subject adopted by this Grand Lodge.

CHAS. G. HINDS,
O. M. BOTSFORD,
E. W. McCORD,

Committee.

Adopted.

To the M. & W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appropriations beg leave to recommend that the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund of the Grand Lodge for the following purposes, to-wit:

Grand Master, general expenses, 1899.....	\$300.00
Grand Master, expenses attending Washington Memorial exercises at Mt. Vernon.....	100.00
Salary of Grand Secretary, 1900.....	1,250.00
Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Irving Todd.....	25.00
Grand Tyler, J. C. Fischer.....	25.00
Grand Secretary, for contingent expenses.....	200.00
Grand Secretary, for office rent.....	200.00
Printing proceedings and other printing, including unpaid bills.....	600.00
Pay roll for 1900.....	2,387.40
Board of Custodians.....	400.00
Insurance.....	50.00
Committee on Correspondence.....	100.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary, for railroad certificates.....	5.00
Joint railroad agent.....	11.00

We further recommend the following appropriations for relief of the persons mentioned below, to be paid to the Masters of the lodges named, unless otherwise indicated:

Faribault, No. 9, for Bro. C. P. Pike.....	\$100.00
Mankato, No. 12, for widow of S. S. Rardon.....	100.00
Monticello, No. 16, for widow of M. T. Pendleton.....	50.00
Rochester, No. 21, for Bro. M. Y. Burroughs.....	50.00
Rochester, No. 21, for Bro. C. A. Atherton.....	100.00
Western Star, No. 26, for Bro. Partridge.....	100.00
King Hiram, No. 31, for Bro. M. A. Larson.....	50.00
Sakatah, No. 32, for Bro. Jos. Batlick.....	100.00
Mt. Moriah, No. 35, for Bro. Wm. Lee.....	150.00
Preston, No. 36, for Bro. John Benedict.....	100.00

Washington, No. 38, for widow of E. F. Gibbons.....	50.00
Fidelity, No. 39, for widow of D. A. McFadden.....	50.00
Carnelian, No. 40, for Bro. H. Laurentzen.....	100.00
King Solomon, No. 44, for Bro. Thos. J. Lombard, to be paid through the Grand Secretary, in monthly install- ments	150.00
Temple, No. 59, for widow of Lyman Carr.....	100.00
Star in the West, No. 60, for Bro. Wm. German.....	100.00
Joppa, No. 76, for widow of A. F. Benedict.....	50.00
Mystic Circle, No. 78, for widow of W. B. Mitchell.....	75.00
Constellation, No. 81, for Bro. M. E. Van Cott.....	100.00
Howard, No. 82, for Bro. Thos. Foltz.....	100.00
Golden Fleece, No. 89, for Bro. J. H. McKenney.....	100.00
Antiquity, No. 91, for widow of David Watson.....	100.00
Sharon, No. 104, for widow of P. A. Odell.....	100.00
Prairie, No. 123, for widow of G. A. Reynolds.....	100.00
Josephus, No. 128, for Bro. J. B. Hill.....	100.00
Humboldt, No. 132, for widow of Peter Lindner.....	75.00
Orion, No. 138, for Bro. L. B. Woolson.....	125.00
Tracy, No. 155, for widow of C. B. Peck.....	75.00
Midway, No. 185, for widow of H. F. Green.....	50.00
Euclid, No. 198, for Bro. M. C. Burnside, to be expended by J. H. Thompson.....	100.00
Canton, No. 194, for Bro. F. R. Miles.....	100.00

CHAS. F. HINDS,
O. M. BOTSFORD,
E. W. McCORD,

Committee.

Adopted.

The item of \$100 for widow of Bro. S. S. Rardon was included by a motion to that effect offered by Bro. Geo. H. Davis.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis read the following memorial tribute on the death of Past Grand Master

ALPHONSO BARTO.

To the M. V. W. Grand Lodge:

The history of Alphonso Barto, Past Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota, has been fully set forth by the Grand Master in the memorial issued to the lodges in this jurisdiction, and it is not necessary to repeat it in this report. We recommend that the said memorial be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

In paying our tribute of affection to him whom we all loved, and those loved most who knew him best, we feel that—

“To those who knew him not, no words can paint,
And those who knew him, know all words are faint.”

Seldom, if ever, has death cast so dark a shadow over this Grand Lodge. We have been called to mourn the departure of brothers good and true whose noble character and worthy deeds have won our admiration and love; in God's good providence, we have still spared to us the helpful presence and wise guidance of many strong and noble leaders; but we do no wrong to dead or living when we say our best loved friend and wisest counsellor has been taken from us.

“A truer, nobler, trustier heart, more loving or more loyal, never beat within a human breast.”

Sorrow and affection sometimes find their fittest expression in silence, and it would be most grateful to us could we remain dumb of tongue while the voice of the heart should respond to the kind words which others might speak of him who, living, was our friend, and whom, dead, we sincerely mourn.

In his character and life Alphonso Barto combined, in unusual degree, those qualities which are essential to the best and truest manhood—“the elements were so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, ‘This was a man.’”

In the varied experience of a busy life he was called to positions of high honor and great responsibility, and he filled them all with dignity and purity. As a citizen he was active, alert and public spirited; as a soldier he was patriotic, brave and loyal; as a legislator and public official he was without reproach.

In character and action he was essentially a strong man. Decided in his opinions, and brave and manly in their assertion and maintenance, he never hesitated to give utterance to his honest convictions, and his words bore with them that influence and power which come from trained thought and wise judgment. At the same time, there was an utter absence of that offensive self-assertion which is too frequently united with physical and intellectual strength. With courage, strength and the more robust qualities of character and life, he combined a geniality of greeting, a consideration and kindness of manner, a gentleness, patience and courtesy of action, which were alike exceptional and admirable, and which endeared him to all. It may be safely affirmed that not one here can recall an instance in which by word or action he willfully inflicted a wound upon the heart of any. His every utterance and bearing had a tendency to draw others to him in the bonds of love and fraternity.

As a Mason he exemplified the best principles of our order. His great soul went out in loving sympathy to all, and he was “one to

whom the burdened heart could pour out its sorrows; to whom distress could prefer its suit; whose hand was guided by justice, and whose heart was expanded by benevolence." He was inspired with a large measure of that "charity which suffereth long and is kind, which envieth not, which vaunteth not, and is not puffed up; which seeketh not her own, and is not easily provoked, and which rejoiceth in the truth."

In his death a column has fallen which will not soon or easily be replaced. We shall sadly miss his fraternal spirit and wise counsel. But, though dead, he lives in the impress he has left upon our minds and hearts. Through that mysterious law which, like a golden cord, unites mankind in one, there is given to every good and noble character the meed of immortality. It lives in a never dying influence, moulding lives and strengthening and uplifting character, eternal as the truth of God.

In German tradition we are told that once a year the spirit of an old and well loved king revisits the scenes of fatherland, and as the full orb'd moon sheds its bright beams upon the earth, he passes over hill and dale, breathing benediction on land and home, and whispering good counsel in the ears of those he loves.

So will our brother speak to us, and though his voice will no longer be heard in these, our gatherings, the influence of his presence shall still be felt, and our hearts shall still respond to the counsels he would give.

"He has done the work of a true man;
Crown him, honor him, love him;
Weep over him, tears of woman;
Stoop manliest brows above him.

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No duty could overtask him;
No need his will outrun;
Or ever our lips could ask him,
His hands the work had done."

GEORGE H. DAVIS,

H. R. WELLS,

E. P. BARNUM,

Committee.

Concurred in.

Past Grand Master Griswold read the following tribute to the memory of our late Brother

STILES RAYMOND:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address as relates to the decease of W.: Bro. Stiles Raymond, late Custodian of the Work, would submit the following:

Brother Raymond was born in Stamford, Conn., in the year 1842, and died in Minneapolis Aug. 17, 1899, being at the time of his death fifty-seven years of age. On the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the army, where he served his country faithfully and with honor to himself. On being mustered out he removed to Red Wing, Minn., where for some time he was engaged in teaching vocal music. He eventually removed to Minneapolis, where for nine or ten years he was professor of music in the public schools. While in Red Wing, in the year 1876, Brother Raymond and Miss Nellie D. Davis were united in marriage, and from that time on, hand in hand, they traveled life's journey together, lovingly, faithfully, until the husband heard the Master's voice, and passed on into the great beyond. Brother Raymond first saw masonic light in Cataract Lodge, No. 2, Minneapolis, on the eighth day of June, 1887, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft June 17, 1887, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason June 22, 1887. The rapidity with which he passed through the blue lodge degrees in a lodge well known for the thoroughness and excellence of its work evinced on the part of our brother an enthusiasm and love for masonry which characterized him with growing intensity up to the day of his death. The chapter degrees were conferred upon Brother Raymond by St. Anthony Falls Chapter, No. 3, during the spring and summer of 1889. He received the Cryptic degrees in Adoniram Council, No. 5, Sept. 28, 1889, and on April 30, 1890, was dubbed a Sir Knight in Darius Commandery, No. 7, Minneapolis. He was Junior Warden of Cataract Lodge in 1889, Senior Warden in 1890, and Worshipful Master in 1891.

On the formation of the Board of Custodians at the Grand Lodge session in 1894, Grand Master Brown appointed Brother Raymond a member of said board for the term of two years. At the expiration of the term, in 1896, he was reappointed by Grand Master Lawless for a term of five years.

Brother Raymond was blessed in an unusual degree with the faculty of imparting knowledge; hence, as a teacher, whether in music or Masonry, he was a marked success. His one prominent characteristic in this direction was thoroughness; indeed, he was almost at times a martinet in his insistency with reference to having every word and motion in the rendering of the ritual exactly right. As a result, his students became masters of the work. His warm, genial nature has endeared him to us all. His inflexible fidelity to his trust will never be forgotten. *"Requiescat in pace."*

We would recommend the adoption of the following:

"Resolved. 1. That we indorse fully that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address commendatory of Brother Raymond.

"2. That a tablet be placed in our printed proceedings, properly inscribed to his memory.

"3. That we extend our deepest sympathy to the widow of our deceased brother, and that there be forwarded to her a copy of above preamble and resolutions."

CHAS. GRISWOLD,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON LODGES U. S. D.

To the M. S. W. S. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Lodges U. S. D. respectfully report that they have examined the recorded minutes of Park Region Lodge at Elbow Lake, Vernon Center Lodge at Vernon Center, Stewart Lodge at Stewart, Magnolia Lodge at Sherburn, Valley Lodge at Hendrum, and Chisago Lodge at North Branch, and find no serious errors therein. More care should, however, be exercised in keeping the minutes in certain respects. For instance, it appears that one lodge often indulges in refreshments. Refreshment without refreshments is more proper. Another lodge reported three joined on dimit, a gross irregularity. No mention is made in some of these lodges of the receipt of the dispensation under which they were organized. It should be copied into the minutes. Their returns are generally in good form, and show a fair amount of work done. With reference to Chisago Lodge, there are grave external reasons which prevent your committee from recommending a charter. We have listened to statements and read correspondence on the subject, and while there is no formal protest from the nearest lodge—Jasper, No. 164—whose consent was refused for a dispensation, we believe no dispensation should be granted in future under conditions similar to these, unless the consent of the nearest lodge be first obtained. Your committee recommend that charters be granted to each of the above named lodges, except Chisago. Your committee further recommend that duplicates of their original charters be issued to Elgin Lodge, No. 115; Kellogg, No. 122, and Canton, No. 194, without fee, to replace those destroyed by fire within the past year. We recommend that a new name be selected for the lodge at Hendrum before charter issues, as they unwittingly had chosen the name of an existing chartered lodge.

WM. P. JEWETT,
JOHN FRIEND,
EVERETT HAMMONS,
GEORGE H. DAVIS,
Committee.

The above report was amended by including Chisago Lodge among those to which charters should be granted, and as so amended was adopted.

REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. . W. . Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions rendered by the Grand Master, fraternally report that the committee have duly considered the same, and finding them in conformity with masonic law and usage, recommend that they be confirmed.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KIESTER,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
E. W. DURANT,

Committee.

Adopted.

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To the M. . W. . Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the application of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, for the restoration of the original charter of said lodge, purporting to have been surrendered to this Grand Lodge in 1856, fraternally report that your committee have duly considered the same, having heard the statements and proofs submitted, and find therefrom that the action and proceedings of said lodge in reference to said attempted surrender were wholly insufficient and irregular, and that such attempted surrender by the said lodge and acceptance by the Grand Lodge was void and of no effect. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the original charter of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, granted in 1853, be restored. Further, that all acts and proceedings of said lodge under the charter of 1856 be ratified, confirmed and declared valid.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
J. A. KIESTER,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORTS ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully submit the following reports:

CASE OF H. F. MATSON.

We have considered the matter of the application of H. F. Matson (who was expelled by Cataract Lodge, No. 2, on Sept. 12, 1894, for conduct unbecoming a Master Mason) for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and being satisfied that said H. F. Matson has fully expiated the offense for which he was so expelled, and has since his said expulsion led an exemplary life, and has made full restitution to the members of said lodge whom he was convicted of having defrauded, do recommend that said H. F. Matson be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
W. C. ODELL,
S. O. STERRETT,

Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF C. F. CLAPP.

In the matter of the petition of C. F. Clapp, late a member of Appleton Lodge, No. 137, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, your committee respectfully report that the only papers, records or documents relating to said matter that have come into our hands are the petitions above mentioned, with the approval of certain members of said lodge attached thereto.

So far as appears, none of the requirements of the resolution adopted by this Grand Body, at the annual communication of 1896, relating to petitions of this character (page 45 of proceedings), have been complied with. Attention is here called to this resolution, as a compliance with its provisions is necessary to a prompt and proper disposition of the matters covered by it.

Your committee therefore recommend that further consideration of said petition be deferred until a proper return shall have been made in accordance with said resolution.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
S. O. STERRETT,

Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF W. C. EDDY.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. W. C. Eddy from the action of Verndale Lodge, No. 139, whereby Brother Eddy was suspended from the rights and privileges of Masonry for the period of one year from and after Dec. 20, 1898, it appearing that the judgment of said lodge had been fully complied with before the session of this Grand Lodge, we deem action upon said appeal unnecessary, and so recommend.

ROYAL, H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
S. O. STERRETT,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF W. C. EDDY.

In the matter of the petition of Olof Mattson, formerly a member of Cokato Lodge, No. 134, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, your committee respectfully report that the petitioner was on the thirteenth day of June, 1896, expelled by said lodge, being found guilty of the charge of drunkenness. At a stated communication of Cokato Lodge, No. 134, held on June 13, 1899, the lodge, by formal vote, recommended that the petition be granted.

We are informed by the Master acting at the time of said expulsion, that the petitioner since that time has lived an upright life, and his conduct during said time has been most exemplary. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Olof Mattson be, and hereby is, restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

ROYAL, H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
S. O. STERRETT,
Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF DANIEL KIRKLAND.

We have inquired into the matter of the application of Daniel Kirkland, who was expelled by Washington Lodge, No. 38, on May 24, 1890, for conduct unbecoming a Mason, and being satisfied that said application ought to be granted, do recommend that said Daniel Kirkland be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
S. O. STERRETT,

Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF JOHN A. BARKER.

On the twenty-sixth day of March, 1896, the petition for the degrees of Masonry by one John A. Barker, who was then a resident within the jurisdiction of Garnet Lodge, No. 166, was rejected by said lodge, and of the action of said lodge upon his said petition said John A. Barker had due notice. Subsequently, and on Sept. 24, 1896, said John A. Barker, while still a resident within the jurisdiction of said Garnet Lodge, petitioned Khurum Lodge, No. 112, for the degrees of Masonry, and in his petition willfully, falsely and fraudulently, and for the purpose of circumventing the aforesaid action of said Garnet Lodge, stated that he was then a resident within the jurisdiction of Khurum Lodge. That such action was had and taken by Khurum Lodge upon said petition that said John A. Barker received the degrees of Masonry in said Khurum Lodge. That upon being informed thereof charges were duly and regularly preferred against said John A. Barker in said Garnet Lodge, wherein and whereby said John A. Barker was charged with having fraudulently procured favorable action by said Khurum Lodge upon his said petition, by means of willfully false representations as to his place of residence. Upon said charges a trial was duly and regularly had in said Garnet Lodge, which said trial resulted in the finding of said John A. Barker to be guilty as charged, and he was thereupon by said Garnet Lodge expelled, and from such action he brings appeal.

At the time of the preferring of said charges, and of said trial, said John A. Barker was a resident within the jurisdiction of said Garnet Lodge.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that said John A. Barker was guilty of a masonic offense in so fraudulently misrepresenting to Khurum Lodge that he was a resident within its jurisdiction, and of an offense against said Garnet Lodge, that said Garnet Lodge had concurrent jurisdiction with said Khurum Lodge of said offense,

and we recommend that the action of said Garnet Lodge in so expelling said John A. Barker be affirmed.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
S. O. STERRETT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,

Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF W. A. MASTERS.

In the matter of Bro. W. A. Masters, a member of Walnut Lodge, No. 136, your committee respectfully report:

It appears from the transcript of the proceedings had by the lodge relating to this matter that on the 3d day of April, 1897, charges were preferred against said Masters "for drunkenness and unmasonic conduct," without further specification, the charges not being in writing, and it not appearing that the charges were not proper to be written. The record further recites that the brother was notified to appear and make answer, but when or how is not shown. The record further recites that, at the regular communication of said lodge, held April 17, 1897, "Bro. W. A. Masters not appearing, lodge proceed ballot, which was unanimous to expel the brother." It does not appear that any trial was had, or that the members residing in the jurisdiction were summoned to be present at the hearing. We are informed by the Worshipful Master that the transcript before us contains the whole record. It does not appear that any appeal was taken from this decision.

We are further informed by the Master of Walnut Lodge that Brother Masters has, since the action of the lodge above recited, been leading an exemplary life; that Brother Masters applied to said Walnut Lodge for reinstatement as a member thereof; that a ballot was taken on said application, and the lodge voted unanimously in favor thereof. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Walnut Lodge, No. 136, taken on the seventeenth day of April, 1897, above recited, be, and the same is hereby, in all things annulled and set aside, and Bro. W. A. Masters be, and hereby is, restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
S. O. STERRETT,

Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF E. LESLIE FOREMAN.

We have had under consideration the application of E. Leslie Foreman for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and find the following facts:

Said E. Leslie Foreman was, on the twenty-sixth day of July, 1886, duly and regularly found guilty, by Lake View Lodge, No. 143, of conduct unbecoming a Master Mason, the specifications of the charge of which he was so convicted consisting of (1) "with violating the chastity of a Master Mason's daughter; (2) with deserting his own wife and child, and living in adultery with another man's wife." That, by his petition for restoration, said E. Leslie Foreman does not claim that the charges so made and of which he was convicted were not true, or that he was not justly convicted, and he simply urges in support of his said application "that whatever in my conduct at the time was wrong I am heartily sorry for, and that since my said expulsion I have endeavored to lead a moral and upright life."

Your committee are of the opinion that the offense of which said E. Leslie Foreman was so found guilty is one of such enormous character that it cannot, and ought not, be condoned by the Grand Lodge, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of E. Leslie Foreman for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry be and the same is hereby rejected.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
S. O. STERRETT,

Committee.

Adopted.

CASE OF E. D. AKIN.

In the matter of the petition of E. D. Akin, late member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 67, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, your committee respectfully report that, on the twenty-first day of November, 1893, at a stated communication of said lodge, charges were duly preferred against the petitioner, charging him with the crime of willfully stealing from a railroad car. To these charges the accused pleaded guilty, and was so found by the lodge, upon which he was indefinitely suspended. At a stated communication of said lodge, held Nov. 21, 1899, it was unanimously voted to recommend

the granting of said petition. The foregoing are all the facts appearing to your committee. No facts or reasons have been suggested indicating that the prayer of the petition should be granted. We therefore recommend that the application be denied.

ROYAL H. GOVE,
J. H. SPROUT,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID T. CALHOUN,
S. O. STERRETT,

Committee.

Bro. G. S. Ives moved to amend, reversing the recommendation of the committee, and restoring the petitioner to his masonic rights and privileges. Motion lost, and report of the committee adopted.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS—NO. 2.

Bro. H. M. Myers (19), having submitted a request that the Committee on Ancient Landmarks report upon the status of persons in this state who claim to have received the craft degrees, or any of them, in a military lodge in the Philippines, under dispensation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, which dispensation has been recalled, the committee reported as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred the request of Bro. H. M. Myers relative to the status of brethren receiving masonic degrees in military lodges in the United States Army, respectfully report that, upon the production of the necessary masonic data as to their standing, the brethren so initiated, passed or raised will be duly recognized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to all intents and purposes as if the degrees had been conferred in this masonic jurisdiction.

SAM E. ADAMS,
E. P. BARNUM,
C. W. NASH,
ED. A. PARADIS,

Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee on the residue of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address fraternally report:

The recommendation of the Grand Master that the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters should be paid by the lodges visited should be cheerfully complied with.

The suggestion that we observe in some manner the fiftieth anniversary of our organization as a Grand Lodge meets with our hearty approval, and to that end we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge observe the semi-centennial anniversary of its organization in 1903 by suitable exercises to be held in St. Paul on February 24th of that year.

Resolved, That a permanent committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master to take into consideration the proper observance of said day, to devise a program of exercises, to gather historical, biographical and other data for publication, and to appoint the necessary committees to assist in said observance.

JAMES D. MARKHAM,
JAMES J. EARLEY,
HARVEY RICKER,

Committee.

Adopted.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

The Grand Secretary called up the amendment to section 26 of the constitution, adopted last year (see page 50, proceedings 1899), and, on motion, the same was ratified and confirmed by unanimous vote.

REPORT ON PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson reported the pay roll ready, and was authorized to pay the members, his detailed report to be filed with the Grand Secretary when completed. (See appendix for report.)

The following resolution, offered by Bro. L. R. Barto, was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of eighty-five dollars be appropriated for the relief of Bro. A. C. Morce of Sincerity Lodge, No. 161.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 18, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 p. m. Officers as before. Attendance much smaller.

The report of the Committee on Disseminating the Work was taken up and considered seriatim, as noted before.

Grand Master Stebbins presented the original charter of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, to its Worshipful Master, Bro. James J. Earley, and received from him the surrender of the charter of 1856, under which it has worked since that time, and turned it over to the Grand Secretary for cancellation.

The Grand Representatives commissioned during the year appeared in line west of the altar, were formally welcomed by the Grand Master, and received with the Grand Honors. (For full list in attendance, see report of Committee on Credentials.)

A resolution doing away with all exemptions from the payment of Grand Lodge dues was laid on the table, owing to the few lodges represented and the lateness of the hour.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, the usual vote of thanks was tendered to the St. Paul Masonic Union for the free use of this hall and adjoining apartments, and to the railroads of the state for reduced fare.

The Grand Master-elect announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers:

David T. Calhoun, St. Cloud.....	W.'. Grand Orator
Ezra B. Chase, Lake City.....	W.'. Grand Chaplain
W. A. McGonagle, Duluth.....	W.'. Senior Grand Deacon
Henry M. Tusler, St. Paul.....	W.'. Junior Grand Deacon
Enoch Scott, Winona.....	W.'. Grand Marshal
F. B. Wood, Austin.....	W.'. Grand Standard Bearer
Chas. H. Sullivan, Dawson.....	W.'. Grand Sword Bearer
J. H. Sprout, Blue Earth City.....	W.'. Senior Grand Steward
H. S. Doty, Sauk Center.....	W.'. Junior Grand Steward
Henry A. Wells, Paynesville.....	W.'. Grand Pursuivant
Jean C. Fischer, St. Paul.....	W.'. Grand Tyler

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were then duly installed into their respective offices by Grand Master A. T. Stebbins, assisted by Bro. James D. Markham as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Secretary alluded to the long and faithful service of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Thompson, who had just been installed as such for the twenty-third time, and on his motion it was voted unanimously that Brother Thompson's portrait be inserted in the proceedings this year, at the expense of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Returns of Lodges—Bros. J. M. Rowley (21), O. C. Hanson (133), J. T. Johnson (99).

On Finance—Bros. J. S. Nelson (111), J. L. Berthold (157), L. A. Barnes (198).

On Correspondence—Bros. Irving Todd (7), Thos. Montgomery (54), E. P. Barnum (60).

On Masonic Code—Bros. Thos. Montgomery (54), Irving Todd (7), Henry R. Wells (36).

On Semi-Centennial Observance—Bros. George R. Metcalf (3), Thos. C. Clark (1), Solon Armstrong (2), J. H. Thompson (19), Thos. Montgomery (54).

Bro. E. P. Barnum was appointed to succeed himself for the term of five years as a member of the Board of Custodians.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed at 11 p. m., in AMPLE FORM, peace and harmony prevailing.



ALONZO BRANDENBURG,

Grand Master.

Attest:

Thos. Montgomery

Grand Secretary.

ORATION.

BY H. D. DICKINSON, GRAND ORATOR.
Delivered Jan. 17, 1900.

CHARACTER AND DUTY.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Permit me, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to take advantage of this my first opportunity to do so in a public way, and thank you for the privilege and honor of addressing this noble assemblage of Masons in the year of our Lord 1900.

The annual meetings of this Grand Lodge are a source of great good and encouragement to each of us individually. We are to be congratulated, therefore, upon the full attendance here to-day, and which each session enjoys from year to year. While such interest exists we may feel assured that the fires of Masonry still burn on the altars of men's hearts.

We are to be congratulated that, during the past two years, we have had such a man at the wheel as our present Grand Master. Studious, energetic, watchful, kind, he has endeared himself to us all. It can never be said of him that he has ruled over his brethren in a haughty or vainglorious manner. Gentleness and courtesy have been his unflinching characteristics, and he will ever be held in the hearts and memories of us, his brethren of this jurisdiction, as a man eminently fitted for his exalted station, and a shining example to those who shall come after him,—a type of the perfect gentleman.

We are to be congratulated that so many of our Past Grand Masters are seen with us so regularly. We younger men come here, and take our first lessons, as it were, at their feet. We look into their genial faces, receive from their hands the cordial token, listen to their kindly words, and are kindled with fresh enthusiasm by their unflinching fidelity. Yet, as has been sadly evidenced during the past year, one by one they will be taken from us. Some of them are now well advanced in years. Upon their heads the snows of each recurring winter are falling like white-winged messengers from the sky,—snows that will melt away only as they themselves melt away into eternity, messengers that will not depart until the inevitable day when they take back the last, complete, triumphant answer of life. Let us respect them and venerate them and appreciate them while we may.

We may also congratulate ourselves, brethren, upon the prosperity of our order everywhere, for the numberless blessings it is bringing to many firesides, for the luster shed upon it by the valor and heroism of our Masonic representatives in the wars of freedom and emancipation, for the rapid spread of the great principle of fraternity, for the liberation of millions of our fellow beings from tyranny and cruelty, for the obliteration of all sectional lines and differences in our great country, and for the progress of enlightenment and civilization the world over.

This is a representative body of men. It is a tribute to the republicanism of Masonry that no man is a member of this assemblage by reason of his pedigree, wealth or social prestige. Masonry is not an aristocracy; it is essentially democratic. The intelligence and patriotism of the people of this great state are here represented, without distinctions of class or privilege. You come from field and factory, from office and mill, from the busy marts of trade and the practice of professions—husbandmen, journeymen, tradesmen, lawyers, doctors, merchants,—all bringing with you the strong hearts and high purposes of our splendid citizenry. Like Hiram of old, you are the builders,—the builders of our civilization, of our republic, of our homes, of our American manhood. When the bearers and stone-squarers saw the miracle of Solomon's temple rise, even as the miracle of man rose at the dawn of creation, from the dust of the earth, they were the builders. Hiram, the "worker in iron and in brass," was their representative in the sanctum sanctorum. Labor was his capital, duty his escutcheon, workmanship the badge of his nobility, yet by these he rose to the level of kings, and sat in the councils of the mighty. Solomon the king, Hiram the builder; Solomon the wise, Hiram the artisan; Solomon the representative of the classes, Hiram the representative of the masses. Nobility of caste over against nobility of character. Royalty of lineage and royalty of simple manhood leveled up, standing side by side. There, at the very cradle of our order, was established the great principle of republicanism which we see in operation here to-day, the recognition of which by Solomon is the highest tribute to his wisdom and the brightest jewel in the crown of Masonry. Still, Masonry stands for equality, the rights of the people, the elevation of mankind.

To us, as Masons, which of those two personages in that ancient drama of the temple was the greater character? Was it Solomon? He was unquestionably great. In the world's estimation he has been accorded the highest place. History and song have immortalized him as the wisest and most remarkable of men. Talmage says: "The world exhausted itself upon him. Royalty had no dominion, wealth no luxury, gold no glitter, flowers no sweetness, song no melody, light no radiance, waters no glimmer, birds no plumage, prancing coursers no mettle, architecture no grandeur; but all was his. Down by the

sea the dry docks of Eziongeber rang with the hammers of the shipwrights, constructing larger vessels for a widening commerce, for all lands and climates were to be robbed to make up Solomon's glory. No rest until his keels should cut every sea, his axeman hew every forest, his archers strike every rare wing, his fishermen sweep every stream, his merchants trade in every sphere, and his name be honored by every tribe."

Earthly power and aggrandizement, my brothers, were the ambitions of Solomon, and men in the present day follow all too closely his example. The question with men to-day is too much as it was with Solomon; not, What can I do for the human race? but, What can the human race do for me? The great dangers threatening society to-day arise from man's lust for wealth and material splendor. They are the great baubles of life, not its great objectives. Their attainment is not the measure of true greatness. True greatness lies rather in beauty of character, in perfection of manhood. It lies rather in the faithful performance of duty, however humble and lowly or unobserved that duty may be. Measured by these standards, by character, by virtue, by devotion to duty, and Solomon is not our great exemplar, but rather the simple, faithful, duty-loving architect and builder,—Hiram the master.

Character is the great prize of life, the great object of existence. It is the pearl without price. It is at once the base and summit of true greatness.

Masonry is only a means to the end of our highest development. Its true primary aim is to build up character, to cultivate manhood, and it is only by a firm adherence to this aim that we can hope to attain the great ultimate purposes of our organization. The "parliament of man, the federation of the world," can never be realized except by a reliance on individual character, just as you must look for the prosperity of a country in the prosperity of the individual citizen, for the purity of the home in the purity of the individual lives that cluster around the fireside. We would fraternize the world, but the growth must be from within, the development of the inner individual life.

The secret of such a development of individual character is not to be found in riches, in power, pomp, fame or preferment. It is not to be found in mere professions of faith, in dogma or in creed, nor in the adoption of a beautiful system of morals and precepts such as ours. It is to be found rather in the true conception and faithful performance of duty.

Duty is the greatest word in the lexicon of life, the first letter in the alphabet of human purpose. Froude, the historian and essayist, says: "We believe that human beings can only live and prosper together on the condition of the recognition of duty." President Dwight of Yale College, at the age of seventy years, recently said, in

an address to the young men of that institution: "The manly sense of duty, as I conceive, is the primary object of education." In this manly sense, duty is not a mere passive obligation or responsibility, the existence of which I may recognize, but it is duty in action. Not passivity, but activity. Duty in service, duty at work, duty in the harness. That duty which carries with it a controlling and impelling force. Not reserve power, not inertia, but power put in motion, strength utilized. In this manly sense, duty is the very bone and sinew of character, and without its exercise character can no more grow and develop than muscles can strengthen without use.

There is a great trinity of duties, which we, as Masons, acknowledge, "to God, our neighbors and ourselves," but the greatest of these is to our neighbors. This great duty to our neighbor may be conveniently subdivided into those duties which we owe to our neighbor in the aggregate, and those which we owe to our neighbor, the individual.

"No man liveth unto himself," saith the proverb. Only in society does man find conditions favorable to growth and development. The anarchist would break with society, and realize his misconceived Utopia, absolute independence. In truth, such isolation means despair and death, and is contrary to the laws of nature. Entering society, man must part with some independence out of respect for the rights of others. He must take on duties and responsibilities to the social organization, such as the duty of allegiance to the state, from which springs that noble virtue, than which there is nothing in the category of human feeling more sublime and beautiful, the virtue of patriotism. Love of country! Loyalty to the flag, wherever it may float, on land or on sea! The impulse of the hour! That which makes men's hearts beat high and their blood run hot! It cannot be defined. It does not need to be defined to an audience of Masons. If you had no patriotism in your breasts you would not understand it if it were defined. We only know we love our country, our nation and our flag, and therefore we understand each other when we speak of patriotism. Whenever an American soldier boy is doing his duty to-day, defending with his life the flag we love, there is patriotism, there is heroism, there is love, there is the courage to do and to die, there are the loftiest emotions that can stir the human breast. That soldier boy is fighting for you and for me, for your loved ones and for mine. He is laying down his life for the brethren, the noblest of sacrifices. And to-day our prayer is that his arm may be strengthened and that he be given success, to the end that the carnage of war may end as speedily as possible to the honor of our country and the glory of our flag.

Let it be said, to the praise of our great fraternity that the fires of patriotism ever burn upon her altars. The great patriots of every age have knelt before her shrine. In her bosom the patriotism of a

Washington found a congenial resting place, and rising above all questions of policy, wise or unwise, transcending all narrowness and bigotry of party and partisanship, we are proud to boast the fellowship and patriotism of our great president, William McKinley.

This duty of allegiance to the state, loyalty to country, finds its analogy in a similar duty we owe to our fraternity. Are we as patriotic as we should be to our order? If we are not, we may look for the chief source of our deficiency to the evil of nonattendance at lodge. It is time we were infusing into our veins more of the spirit of fidelity. Not that we are unfaithful to our vows, but rather that we become indifferent and apathetic toward the work of our lodges. An eminent local clergyman, speaking recently to a large gathering of Masons and their wives and families, said: "Women! women! when your husbands and sons are at a masonic lodge, they couldn't be at any better place on earth!" Loud applause from the male side of the house. When the hurricane had subsided, with singular emphasis, he added: "If they're there!" Loud applause from the opposition.

Attend your lodge. Duty requires it. Loyalty demands performance. Masonry to be a progressive science requires service, and the least service is that of attendance. Alas for our order, when its rank and file fail to take an active interest in its affairs! Activity is life, stagnation is decay. The ancient Athenians understood the dangers to their institutions arising from apathy on the part of the populace, and so Athens made it compulsory for all her citizens to be present at public assemblages. Men carrying chalked ropes between them swept the streets and market places and every man upon whom was found a mark was fined. Some such practical measure would be a good thing for Masonry, and every Mason who cannot find time to attend his lodge, if not fined, at least ought to be marked after the manner of the Athenians.

But our duties to organized society, to our neighbor in the aggregate, are not more important than those we owe to our neighbor, the individual. Omitting even an enumeration of these, let us not fail to emphasize the great duty of doing good. This is the primary duty of everyday life; the duty of helpfulness.

It is a sublime, crowning truth of Masonry, that every human fellow creature is my neighbor, that man is the brother of man. The universality of the masonic idea of brotherhood can no more be cooped up in the narrow precincts of a lodge room than infinite goodness can be put into a combine or trust. If we would be true to our fundamental precepts, we must not think that our obligations are confined to the elect who have passed the ordeal of the ballot and entered into the "tie that binds."

The great duty of doing good not only recognizes this principle,

that every man is my neighbor, but also the principle that "faith without works is dead."

"I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and broader view."

This duty has to do with us as individuals in the here and now. It is the law of the present. It looks earthward more than heavenward. It is practicing what we preach. It is the religion of good deeds, the simple creed of the Golden Rule. It is putting into operation the wonderful answer to the young man's question, what he should do to be saved: "Love God, * * * and thy neighbor as thyself; this do and thou shalt live." It is not a folding of the hands in devout, complacent misinterpretation of the great prayer, "Thy will be done!" But it is the keen conviction, backed by acts, that we are God's instruments to see to it that Thy will *is* done!

It is not sufficient that a man say his prayers and keep the ten commandments. To abstain from murder, theft, covetousness, and so on, through the whole decalogue, is not enough. These are only negations, acts of omission rather than commission. We may keep and obey all these, and yet be the idlest drones in the hive of human activity. We mumble our rituals until letter-perfect; we deliver ourselves of fine sentiments on brotherly love and charity, pay our dues (perhaps), and attend lodge occasionally; then rest content, coddling ourselves the while into the notion that we are good Masons. But we are not. More than that is required to make a good Mason. What are you doing in the active practice of charity out of the lodge? The true masonic idea is not to make you better than other people, but to make you better than yourself, by leading you to the doing of good deeds for others. Have you helped some unfortunate on his way—some one less favored than you by the ever-shifting tides on life's uncertain sea? Have you helped some fallen sister neighbor to rise and see the light once more? or have you joined the pack at the first yelp to cry her down? Yes, these are idle questions, I know. They are easily spoken, easily heard and still more easily forgotten; but they suggest the only true conception or interpretation of masonic duty.

More and more is this spirit of helpfulness obtruding itself on men's consciences. More and more is it becoming the crucible in which we test the presence or absence of the love and charity we profess.

It has entered our colleges, schools and churches, and press. Pupil and pew have felt its impulse. It has touched religion, and made it more tolerant and humane. The truly good man of good deeds now stands very near to God's throne, irrespective of church or creed. It has touched literature and art, and made them more helpful, more real, more practicable. It has given us Tissot's life of Christ

on 500 canvases, from the cradle to the cross, and Millet's remarkable painting, "The Man With the Hoe." Who can read Edwin Markham's wonderful poem on this great picture, and not feel the sublime pathos of its theme and the sting of its awful indictment against us for our neglect of our fellow man?

"Bowed by the weight of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe, and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world.

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Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the passion of eternity?
Is this the dream he dreamed who shaped the suns
And pillared the blue firmament with light?
Down all the stretch of Hell to its last gulf
There is no shape more terrible than this;
More tongued with censure of the world's blind greed;
More filled with signs and portents for the soul;
More fraught with menace to the universe."

No book of the present day has had greater popularity than that famous little volume called "In His Steps," a book of no great literary merit; and yet, by the force of its example for good-doing, it has crossed the continents and the seas and been translated into every tongue. It bears a single, simple message to men—the message of helpfulness.

This great duty of doing good, my brethren, is not impracticable and unreal, exercised by us as rational and intelligent beings regardful of the demands of our various relations in life. It does not require of us a relinquishment of all other cares. It is not necessary to impoverish oneself, or be improvident of one's own welfare; but we can learn to make sacrifices for others, to deny ourselves in some things that others may be made happier and better. By so doing we will fulfill the great duty we owe to our neighbor and make our lives instrumentalities for character building and manhood that will not only liken us unto the celebrated Master who beautified the temple, but will lead us more closely in the footsteps of Him who was Master indeed.

The present is not without its splendid exemplars of good-doing. Carnegie builds and equips free libraries and schools in a score of cities, doing good. The great Ruskin, now an enfeebled old man, has spent his vast inheritance among the tenements, hovels and almshouses of old London, doing good. The noble Tolstoi lays aside his titles and his patrimony, and parts with all his possessions, even to the last piece of furniture, that he may be doing good. If there is a real saint on earth it must be Mrs. Ballington Booth, who goes up and down the lowly paths of this earth, from barrack to barrack, doing

good. Because of her Madonna face they call her "Little Mother." Helen Gould throws open the doors of her Fifth avenue palace to the houseless destitute of a great conflagration, and devotes her energies and her millions to the defense of motherhood and the purity of the American home against the unsightly monster of polygamy, doing good.

With questions sectarian or political we have nothing to do masonically, but against immorality, against the prostitution of womanhood, open or in secret, under the false guise of marriage vows or masquerading in the vestments of religion, we irrevocably oppose ourselves, with all our history, all our traditions and our landmarks, all our moral precepts and our vows!

Let us then, my brethren, endeavor to make this great duty we owe to our neighbor, the duty of doing good, more and more the rule and guide of our lives. It is nothing more or less than the execution of the great law of love. Perform this duty and the other two duties we owe to God and to ourselves will be fulfilled unto us even as faith and hope are the ever attending angels unto charity. Perform this duty, and you will have touched the mainspring of human character. It will be your sword and shield, conquering your own selfishness and winning your way to the glory of a perfect manhood.

There is much field for labor. In spite of all the prosperity and splendor of this present era, in spite of all this progress in science, art and literature, in spite of the many things upon which we congratulate ourselves, yet wretchedness and want abound, lying very close to our doors, and no one may pretend ignorance of them. Tyranny and oppression still usurp the seats of power. Man still makes war on his neighbor man, and taxes his ingenuity and treasure for engines of destruction. We are yet a vast distance from the millennium, although it must be admitted we have made tremendous advances on the way, and in the successes already achieved Masonry may claim her share of the glory. Each year has seen us grow stronger; stronger in numbers, stronger in heart, stronger in influence, stronger in the understanding of our duties to God and to each other. We boast not of what we have done, for, be that what it may, it can never rise to the full measure of what it should be. We only know that many of us at least are better citizens, better husbands, better neighbors, better in all the respects that make for a higher manhood.

Many ages have rolled away since Solomon reigned, and the craft builded, and the temple rose in its beauty and grandeur. Civilizations have risen and fallen. Empires have been constructed, reconstructed, and torn down. Nations have lived and died. New worlds have been discovered and peopled. Science and invention have revolutionized the world. Mankind seems to have reached the very apex of the pyramid of progress, yet, rising serene and triumphant above the stress and storm of time, Masonry survives, growing more and more beautiful with the expanding years. Still she repeats the simple story of her

birth, leading men to fashion their lives and characters after that of the faithful Hiram and in the perfection and beauty of the marvellous temple.

It is said that past centuries have been marked by great revivals. The fifteenth century saw a revival of learning, the sixteenth a revival of religion, the seventeenth a revival of freedom, the eighteenth a revival of mechanic arts, the nineteenth a revival of beauty. Now we stand at the threshold of a new century. The gates are just swinging outward, and soon mankind will be sweeping down the long stretch of another hundred years. We have a rich inheritance from the past; what will we bequeath to the future? Can we not hope for a revival of manhood, a revival of character building, a revival of all that is purest and best in the individual? We say a man is the noblest work of God; let us make man also the noblest work of man.

In this beautiful land of ours, where the very air we breathe is pregnant with liberty and fraternity, it ought not to be difficult for manhood to develop in its most perfect types. We have the best environment and the best government in the history of the world. We have free institutions, free schools. Education is not the privilege of the few, but the opportunity of the many. We have more latent resources and energies than any people on the globe. We are fast becoming a world-wide people, with world-wide influences and powers. To be an American citizen means more than it ever did before. North and south, east and west, are knit in the bonds of brotherhood as never before. Politicians may wrangle among themselves as to the advantages or disadvantages of a greater national domain, but this we know, that the larger and grander the sphere and influence of this nation, the larger and grander the opportunities of Masonry. Freedom, toleration and self-government will follow the flag wherever its starry folds shall be unfurled, there to give new life and hope to the children of men. Where Old Glory is there will Masonry flourish!

The closing century has been the greatest in the annals of time. From its splendid achievements will come forth another destined to still nobler and grander victories of brain and heart; a century, let us hope, that will see the triumph of the eternal principles of love and peace; when war, if it must be waged, will be waged no more for conquest and dominion, but only for the liberation of the oppressed and the uplifting of the human race. That it may be a century distinguished for the nobility of its manhood and high conception of duty let us hope and work, ever trusting in that Power above and beyond humanity to which every character and every duty must look for sanction.

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine,
Lord God of Hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget; lest we forget."

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APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

NUMBER.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater.....	Washington.....	Feb. 24, '53	W. C. Masterman.	H. W. Davis.....	H. S. Smith.....	F. A. Lenox.....	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Catawba.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 24, '53	John Friend.....	G. W. Voorhes.....	G. N. Houghton.....	Soien Armstrong.....	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 24, '53	J. J. Earley.....	G. R. Metcalf.....	L. G. Hoffmann.....	P. S. Hendrickson.....	1 Fri.
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	Jan. " 24, '54	E. B. Peterson.....	H. J. Deutsch.....	T. M. Read.....	P. S. Mead.....	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Union Landmark.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 3, '54	P. C. Williams.....	Henry Bennett.....	C. D. Welch.....	M. T. Emery.....	2 and 4 Ths.
6	Dakota.....	Hastings.....	Dakota.....	" 9, '56	P. C. Emerson.....	A. E. Johnson.....	J. E. Olson.....	Julius Panse.....	2 and 4 Wed.
7	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	Goodhue.....	" 9, '56	G. H. Foot.....	A. J. Kappel.....	F. E. Jenkins.....	G. H. Diemenbrock.....	1 Mon.
8	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Rice.....	Oct. 25, '57	R. E. Smith.....	J. N. Tate.....	F. E. Jenkins.....	W. B. Hawley.....	2 and 4 Mon.
9	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Dodge.....	Jan. 6, '57	Wm. Edson.....	C. A. Miller.....	L. Sperbeck.....	F. L. Wilkes.....	2 and 4 Tues.
10	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	J. N. Day.....	Gustav Widell.....	W. F. Jewson.....	F. L. Searing.....	2 and 4 Sat.
11	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
12	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
13	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
14	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
15	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
16	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
17	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
18	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
19	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
20	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
21	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
22	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
23	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
24	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
25	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
26	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
27	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
28	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
29	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
30	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
31	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
32	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
33	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
34	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
35	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
36	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
37	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
38	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
39	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
40	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.
41	Manitowish.....	Manitowish.....	Blue Earth.....	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady.....	Linn Whitmore.....	J. R. Brown.....	A. J. Stone.....	1 and 3 Mon.

42 Hops.....	Glencoe.....	McLeod.....	Oct. 25	63 B. W. Pierce.....	C. M. Tift.....	Orland P. Simons.....	Jos. Cummings.....	1 and 3 Sat.
43 Harmony.....	Lewiston.....	Winona.....	26	63 L. J. Baldwin.....	J. F. Madden.....	J. E. Peters.....	O. W. Hunt.....	1 and 3 Mon.
44 King Solomon.....	Shakopee.....	Scott.....	28	63 V. D. Smar.....	H. H. Isenhour.....	J. D. Buchanan.....	C. C. Store.....	2 and 4 Sat.
45 Union.....	Le Sueur.....	Winona.....	28	64 A. E. Cadwell.....	H. F. Weis.....	D. D. Sykes.....	H. J. Dane.....	1 and 3 Tues.
46 Evergreen.....	Clyde.....	Winona.....	26	64 R. J. Bain.....	D. A. Ferguson.....	G. B. Stedman.....	H. B. Clawson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
47 Concord.....	Cleveland.....	Rice.....	26	64 W. O. Shney.....	M. A. Hill.....	J. T. Peach.....	W. C. Davis (act g.).....	1 and 3 Sat.
48 Social.....	Northfield.....	Winona.....	26	64 J. W. Hunter.....	E. G. Riddell.....	W. F. Marhart.....	D. D. Turner.....	1 and 3 Mon.
49 Rising Sun.....	St. Charles.....	Winona.....	26	64 R. M. Dixon.....	C. H. Robbins.....	H. B. Tuttle.....	R. A. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Ths.
50 Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Carver.....	25	65 G. E. Halgren.....	J. F. Rader.....	L. J. Crippen.....	M. L. Meisel.....	1 and 3 Tues.
51 Asencia.....	Cottage Grove.....	Washington.....	25	65 J. A. McHattie.....	M. L. Gage.....	L. J. Crippen.....	Peter Thompson.....	1 and 3 Tues.
52 Cannon River.....	Morristown.....	Rice.....	25	65 G. E. McHattie.....	W. L. Eddy.....	Henry Wait.....	H. D. Pettigrove.....	2 and 4 Wed.
53 Nicollet.....	Nicollet.....	Chicago.....	25	65 G. F. Merritt.....	C. A. Rosenquist.....	E. E. Miller.....	G. W. Seymour.....	1 and 4 Wed.
54 Zion.....	St. Peter.....	Chicago.....	24	65 H. G. Murdock.....	R. B. Sevey.....	C. W. Leske.....	W. H. Silsbee.....	1 and 3 Sat.
55 Meridian.....	Chaffee.....	Fillmore.....	23	67 J. H. Sprout.....	W. V. Murphy.....	C. M. Cooper.....	Philip Ehresman.....	1 and 3 Tues.
56 Blue Earth City.....	Spring Valley.....	Fillmore.....	23	67 J. H. Sprout.....	M. V. Carpenter.....	F. A. Baker.....	H. H. Markusen.....	1 and 3 Tues.
57 Blue Earth City.....	Spring Valley.....	Fillmore.....	23	67 J. H. Sprout.....	R. Viell.....	Sam'l Fickling.....	P. H. Hawlik.....	1 and 3 Tues.
58 Spring Valley.....	McLeod.....	Stearns.....	23	67 Carlos Avery.....	W. Jurgenson.....	Sam'l Fickling.....	P. Lamb.....	2 and 4 Tues.
59 Temple.....	Hutchinson.....	Stearns.....	23	67 W. I. Henshaw.....	W. McNeice.....	J. W. Ward.....	G. H. Bush.....	1 and 3 Mon.
60 Star in the West.....	Sauk Center.....	Fillmore.....	23	67 H. E. Doty.....	G. A. Klose.....	C. H. Dunn.....	G. H. Bush.....	1 and 3 Mon.
61 Ashlet.....	Rockford.....	Wright.....	23	67 F. H. Johnson.....	Chas. Bugbee.....	Geo. Frederick.....	G. O. Crandall.....	1 and 3 Tues.
62 Star.....	Plainview.....	Wabasha.....	23	67 F. H. Johnson.....	G. F. Sylvester.....	H. D. Smith.....	L. D. Dudley.....	1 and 3 Tues.
63 Illustrations.....	Lakeland.....	Marion.....	23	67 G. R. Hall.....	E. N. Chute.....	A. A. Horton.....	J. G. Mitchell.....	1 and 4 Tues.
64 Chain Lake.....	Lakeland.....	Washington.....	23	67 Malcolm Aldrich.....	R. C. Tyler.....	A. A. Davis.....	Albert Dickinson.....	1 and 4 Tues.
65 Golden Rule.....	Madelia.....	Watsonwan.....	23	67 C. V. Holmstrom.....	T. W. Peart.....	W. R. Estes.....	L. A. Stone.....	1 and 3 Wed.
66 Madelia.....	Madelia.....	Dakota.....	23	67 M. S. Dossett.....	F. H. Griebel.....	O. S. Lundberg.....	H. H. Hudson.....	1 and 3 Tues.
67 Corinthian.....	Farmington.....	Fillmore.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	J. G. Roberten.....	W. H. Stage.....	E. A. Sykes.....	1 and 3 Sat.
68 Mystic Star.....	Rushford.....	Fillmore.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	J. G. Roberten.....	W. H. Stage.....	E. A. Sykes.....	2 and 4 Sat.
69 Paynesville.....	Paynesville.....	Stearns.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	E. R. Phipps.....	W. M. Ostrander.....	O. C. La Bar.....	2 and 4 Sat.
70 Lansing.....	Lansing.....	Mower.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	H. Lyons.....	J. C. Beck.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
71 Brownsview.....	Brownsview.....	Houston.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	F. E. Garner.....	F. O. Wells.....	J. M. Wyckoff.....	1 and 3 Tues.
72 Eureka.....	Eureka.....	Mower.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	R. Anderson.....	C. F. Ulrich.....	W. W. Sell.....	1 and 3 Sat.
73 Brownsview.....	Brownsview.....	Good Thunder.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	W. A. Clement.....	O. C. Olson.....	Walter Child.....	1 and 3 Sat.
74 Joppa.....	Joppa.....	Waseca.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	Herbert Smith.....	Seyert Hansen.....	C. C. Barton.....	2 and 4 Fri.
75 Mystic Circle.....	Mystic Circle.....	Houston.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	Henry Nesbitt.....	W. H. Hoyt.....	F. R. Kennedy.....	2 and 4 Mon.
76 Palestine.....	Palestine.....	St. Louis.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	W. F. Leeman.....	Wm. F. Boel.....	August Stucke.....	1 and 3 Sat.
77 Tuscan.....	Tuscan.....	Sibley.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	W. F. Leeman.....	Wm. F. Boel.....	W. T. Cowing.....	2 and 4 Wed.
78 Constellation.....	Constellation.....	Douglas.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	W. F. Leeman.....	Wm. F. Boel.....	K. S. Nichols.....	1 and 3 Wed.
79 Howard.....	Howard.....	Kasson.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	A. A. Anderson.....	James Devoes.....	Sam'l Lord.....	1 and 3 Sat.
80 Huron Abi.....	Huron Abi.....	Money Creek.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	A. A. Anderson.....	James Devoes.....	G. L. Futler.....	1 and 3 Sat.
81 Orient.....	Orient.....	High Forest.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	A. E. Larson.....	Chas. Tiffany.....	W. Armstrong.....	1 and 3 Wed.
82 Tyran.....	Tyran.....	Wabasha.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	E. G. Sage.....	N. W. Reese.....	O. G. Nichols.....	1 and 3 Sat.
83 Doric.....	Doric.....	Farbaul.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	L. L. Mathews.....	R. F. Drake.....	O. G. Knapvisch.....	1 and 3 Fri.
84 Golden Fleece.....	Golden Fleece.....	Meeker.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	E. D. Udel.....	J. C. Lee.....	J. W. Wright.....	2 and 4 Fri.
85 Good Faith.....	Good Faith.....	Jackson.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	W. D. Joubert.....	C. P. Randall.....	W. E. Gillespie.....	1 and 3 Wed.
86 Antiquity.....	Antiquity.....	Redwood Falls.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	W. W. Joubert.....	G. W. Dickenson.....	N. V. Hunter.....	1 and 3 Wed.
87 Fraternal.....	Fraternal.....	Princeton.....	23	67 W. M. Dodge.....	E. A. Schmah.....	B. M. Van Alstein.....	N. A. Ross.....	2 and 4 Wed.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NUMBER	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
93	Unity.....	Sauk Rapids..	Benton.....	Jan. 10, '72	Wm. Sartell.....	A. L. Smitten.....	A. E. Tucker.....	W. H. Fletcher...	1 and 3 Sat.
94	Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye..	Brown.....	" 10, '72	L. C. Hansen.....	W. M. Murdin.....	A. Davey.....	T. F. Tabbot.....	1 and 3 Tues.
95	Sherrburne.....	Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	" 10, '72	W. G. Merrifield..	W. P. Rhoda.....	F. D. Waterman..	E. E. Bryant.....	1 and 3 Tues.
96	Libanus.....	St. James.....	Watowgan.....	" 15, '73	Galeus Morris.....	A. Sturm.....	S. E. A. Sime.....	H. M. Serkland...	2 and 4 Tues.
97	Prudence.....	Windom.....	Cottonwood.....	" 15, '73	A. W. Annes.....	H. M. Somsen.....	E. A. Behnke.....	Nels Anderson...	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity.....	New Ulm.....	Brown.....	" 15, '73	C. C. Geiger.....	W. J. Farrell.....	F. H. Brown.....	G. Schmidt.....	2 and 4 Tues.
99	Corner Stone.....	Fergus Falls..	Otter Tail.....	" 15, '73	A. H. Kirk.....	Edward Crust.....	Judd Wright.....	B. F. Brown.....	1 Tues.
100	Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	Crow Wing.....	" 15, '73	E. O. Parks.....	Wilson Ager.....	E. A. Tripp.....	K. B. Flatts.....	2 and 4 Tues.
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington..	Nobles.....	" 15, '73	J. C. Durfee.....	W. H. Travis.....	F. M. Bean.....	D. H. Edwards...	1 and 3 Mon.
102	Lebanon.....	Lanesboro.....	Fillmore.....	" 15, '73	J. H. Burns.....	O. W. Williams..	W. A. Drege.....	M. G. Fellows...	1 and 3 Sat.
103	Bethel.....	Lake Crystal..	Blue Earth.....	" 15, '73	H. J. Ramsen.....	S. Bierkness.....	C. Oram.....	Axel H. Rolse...	2 and 4 Fri.
104	Sharon.....	Willmar.....	Kandiyohi.....	" 15, '73	T. A. Nottage.....	Casper Wackman..	S. A. Challman...	C. G. Sturtevant..	2 and 4 Tues.
106	Mt. Tabot.....	Detroit.....	Becker.....	" 14, '74	F. S. Allen.....	F. M. Higgins.....	Albert Bey.....	R. W. Gamsby...	1 and 3 Sat.
108	Relief.....	Dodge Center..	Dodge.....	" 14, '74	W. H. Wells.....	John Peterson.....	H. W. Hendrickson	A. B. Tredway...	1 and 3 Sat.
109	Sunset.....	Montevideo....	Chippewa.....	" 14, '74	W. H. Harring....	H. W. Stedman....	Geo. Sainsbury...	C. W. Rand.....	2 and 4 Sat.
110	Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	Winona.....	" 13, '75	G. C. E. Goetze....	Jacob Bristle.....	W. H. Caspari....	O. B. Brunus.....	1 and 3 Sat.
111	Carver.....	Carver.....	Carver.....	" 13, '75	C. A. Mabey.....	G. H. Daggett.....	H. B. Marchbank..	T. C. Knowlton..	2 and 4 Fri.
112	Khurum.....	Minneapolis...	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	I. C. Smith.....	M. W. Bennett....	H. B. Lyman.....	K. L. Davidson..	2 and 4 Sat.
113	Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	Rock.....	" 13, '75	F. A. Kennecott....	L. L. Bryon.....	O. E. Ferguson....	C. H. Humphrey..	1 and 3 Fri.
114	Ben Franklin..	Luverne.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	D. J. Ferguson....	W. P. Holton.....	H. A. Stephen....	C. S. Richardson..	2 and 4 Sat.
115	Elgin.....	Elgin.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	G. W. Gray.....	T. F. Bacon.....	A. B. Warren.....	J. N. Thatcher...	1 and 3 Tues.
116	Lafayette.....	Brownsdale..	Mower.....	" 12, '76	M. C. Sullivan....	F. J. Cressy.....	S. Winter.....	W. J. Rice.....	1 and 3 Tues.
117	Granite.....	Granite Falls..	Yellow Med....	" 12, '76	J. M. Tricky.....	H. J. Cressy.....	H. A. Jones.....	H. A. Durand....	2 and 4 Wed.
118	Newport.....	Newport.....	Washington....	" 12, '76	H. M. Fredenburg..	V. B. Eward.....	W. A. Hawkins....	S. N. Harrington..	2 and 4 Wed.
119	Delta.....	Marshall.....	Lyon.....	" 12, '76	H. M. Nolan.....	G. W. Day.....	J. F. Carson.....	Philip Schlegler..	2 and 4 Sat.
121	Grand Meadow..	Grand Meadow..	Mower.....	" 12, '76	John Canfield....	W. H. Graner.....	M. K. Wolfe.....	E. J. Parker.....	2 and 4 Tues.
122	Kellogg.....	Bloomg. P.rie	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	T. S. Morton.....	J. C. Peterson.....	Sam. Hanson.....	A. S. Hancock....	2 and 4 Tues.
123	Prairie.....	Janesville.....	Wasceca.....	" 12, '76	M. A. Devereaux..	C. E. Lieberg.....	E. G. Canfield....	L. D. Rogers.....	2 and 4 Wed.
124	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	Waseca.....	" 10, '77	A. J. Smith.....	Louis Schwappach	E. G. Setzler.....	Wm. Krueger.....	2 and 4 Thurs.
125	Winslow Lewis..	Osseo.....	Hennepin.....	" 10, '77	J. P. Wolfe.....	Olof Thcrstenson..	E. U. Wade.....	O. T. Borgen.....	1 and 3 Tues.
126	Moorehead.....	Moorehead.....	Clay.....	" 10, '77	J. P. Emerson....	Robert Little.....	F. B. Davis.....	Robt. Sutherland..	2 and 4 Wed.
128	Josephus.....	Mapleton.....	Blue Earth.....	" 10, '77	Arnold Olson.....	Michael Romsstad..	E. R. Aldrich.....	B. G. Covell.....	2 and 4 Tues.
129	Swift.....	Swift.....	Mower.....	" 16, '78	F. B. Losey.....	Augustus Lenth....	Wm. Larson.....	W. F. Cobb.....	2 and 4 Tues.
131	Alma.....	Lyle.....	Mower.....	" 16, '78	Christ Hanson...	H. C. Ackermann..	J. W. Truwe.....	A. O. Brandt.....	2 and 4 Sat.
132	Humboldt.....	Y'ng America..	Carver.....	" 16, '78	W. B. Hancock....	W. P. Fowler.....	F. E. Smith.....	J. W. G. Curtiss..	1 and 3 Sat.
133	Golden Sheaf..	Morris.....	Stevens.....	" 16, '78	W. B. Hancock....	W. P. Fowler.....	F. E. Smith.....	J. W. G. Curtiss..	1 and 3 Sat.

134	Cokato.	Wright.	Jan 15	79	G. P. Olson.	J. A. Stanbers.	Sam'l Johnson.	Frank Griffith.	2 and 4 Sat.
135	Nelson.	Buffalo.	" 15	79	J. T. Alley.	Wm. W. Thomson.	E. A. Shannon.	S. R. Wells.	2 and 4 Mon.
136	Wainut.	Walnut Grove.	" 16	79	J. T. Swifter.	W. J. McDonald.	E. A. Evans.	F. F. Goff.	1 and 3 Fri.
137	Appleton.	Swift.	" 14	80	H. A. Kyes.	G. A. De Forest.	Peter Wang.	Manford Horn.	2 and 4 Sat.
138	Orion.	Kandiyo.	" 14	80	H. Strong.	John Tait, Jr.	L. E. Covell.	Peter Bogle.	2 and 4 Sat.
139	Vermdale.	Wadena.	" 14	80	G. E. Merrill.	E. A. Kling.	S. F. Merrill.	E. Proctor.	1 and 3 Tues.
140	Little Falls.	Morrison.	" 14	80	D. Brown.	H. A. Rider.	H. N. Harding.	E. E. Lewis.	1 and 4 Tues.
141	Crookston.	Polk.	" 14	80	Thomas Morris.	L. H. Judson.	De Forest Bucklin.	H. R. Robertson.	2 and 4 Mon.
142	Currie.	Murray.	" 12	81	W. H. Crowl.	L. C. Gates.	W. H. Mellen.	Nell Currie.	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Lake View.	Big Stone.	" 12	81	H. L. Zwilner.	E. C. Taevett.	J. E. Keefe.	John Michell.	1 and 3 Fri.
144	Bird Island.	Renville.	" 12	81	H. L. Feeter.	E. H. Bowler.	G. T. Castle.	Albert Brown.	1 and 3 Sat.
145	Melrose.	Stearns.	" 12	81	Wm. B. Whitney.	E. M. Boyles.	W. A. Whittemore.	J. N. Canoyer.	2 and 4 Tues.
146	Benton.	Lincoln.	" 12	81	Wm. B. Bliven.	G. S. Cleveland.	Christ. Mosgaard.	John McKenzie.	2 and 4 Fri.
147	Canby.	Yellow Med.	" 11	82	John W. Lester.	L. M. Lerwick.	T. F. McKey.	M. Nelson.	1 and 3 Fri.
148	Quarry.	Pipestone.	" 11	82	John W. Cook.	Fred Bloom.	Max Menzel.	C. H. Smith.	1 and 3 Mon.
149	Guardian.	McLeod.	" 11	82	E. D. Hawley.	Frank Mann.	H. W. Euck.	F. W. Flanders.	1 and 3 Wed.
150	Warren.	Marshall.	" 11	82	H. L. Wood.	W. J. Brown.	C. L. Stevens.	H. A. Strobach.	1 and 3 Wed.
151	Chaska.	Carver.	" 11	82	W. C. Odell.	M. Melvin.	H. M. Oerters.	F. W. Flanders.	1 and 3 Wed.
152	Frontier.	Wilkin.	" 10	83	C. P. Fenstermaker.	Z. T. Shepard.	G. Harrison.	J. A. McKinnon.	1 and 3 Tues.
153	Kodahya.	Traverse.	" 10	83	Theo. Harcum.	J. L. Crevar.	N. F. Brand.	F. V. Dale.	1 and 3 Tues.
154	Norman.	Norman.	" 10	83	H. V. de Guinon.	P. J. Butler.	A. C. Gerber.	Nels Johnson, Jr.	1 and 3 Tues.
155	Tracy.	Lyon.	" 10	83	F. S. Brown.	M. Workman.	C. J. Berdan.	H. M. Workman.	1 and 3 Tues.
156	Wadena.	Wadena.	" 10	83	C. S. Miller.	Wm. H. Ryan.	W. E. Parker.	L. E. Stowe.	1 and 3 Fri.
157	Pelham.	Otter Tail.	" 16	84	U. S. G. Henry.	J. L. Sawyer.	John Pritchett.	G. E. Davison.	2 and 4 Sat.
158	Hector.	Renville.	" 16	84	F. J. P. Hanson.	G. F. Bartlett.	F. E. Renswig.	O. J. Torbenson.	2 and 4 Mon.
159	Long Prairie.	Todd.	" 14	85	M. F. Canfield.	J. R. Reichert.	F. R. Harrison.	J. E. Withers.	2 and 4 Fri.
160	Plymouth.	Henepin.	" 14	85	C. M. Blecker.	H. A. Atkinson.	J. W. Howell.	G. W. Hall.	1 and 3 Mon.
161	Sincerity.	Pope.	" 14	85	W. R. Holly.	J. N. Thomas.	F. L. McGray.	D. W. Shear.	1 and 3 Tues.
162	Prescott.	Grant.	" 14	85	A. W. Wells.	C. P. Earsby.	H. H. Aspdon.	K. C. Ness.	2 and 4 Fri.
163	Summit.	Ramsey.	" 14	85	H. M. Tugster.	C. E. Riggs.	J. T. Christeson.	Robt. B. Ware.	2 and 4 Wed.
164	Jasper.	Chicago.	" 13	86	J. S. McDonald.	H. R. Berg.	Conrad Lindmark.	J. D. Hoar.	1 and 3 Sat.
165	Minnehaha.	Henepin.	" 13	86	G. E. Cessford.	E. L. Smith.	A. A. Baker.	H. S. Goff.	2 and 4 Tues.
166	Garnet.	Ramsey.	" 13	86	J. C. Fulton.	D. E. Ivelt.	D. R. Ivelt.	W. H. Whitaker.	2 and 4 Thurs.
167	Agate.	Wilkin.	" 13	86	Wm. D. Cross.	Dempster Boyd.	G. L. Winslow.	Beal Baker.	1 and 3 Wed.
168	Braden.	Ramsey.	" 13	86	C. H. Cooper.	Robt. Strachan.	C. A. Van Slyke.	O. J. Aamodt.	1 and 3 Thurs.
169	Pierson.	Clay.	" 12	87	Thos. Guinness.	J. R. Price.	F. H. Alexander.	J. A. Maxwell.	1 and 3 Tues.
170	Fulda.	Murray.	" 12	87	Emil King.	Robt. Porter.	J. E. Sackett.	C. J. Orton.	1 and 3 Tues.
171	Shelkna.	Ramsey.	" 12	88	C. S. Schurman.	Olin Grindall.	S. Holman.	C. C. Sharp.	1 and 4 Mon.
172	Marietta.	Lac qui Parle.	" 12	88	H. M. Bell.	J. Q. Hook.	Niel Williams.	M. F. Greeley.	2 and 4 Thurs.
173	Plumby Line.	Stearns.	" 12	88	Walter Dixon.	J. C. Kimble.	O. J. Johnson.	W. F. Daugherty.	1 and 3 Sat.
174	Valley.	Pope.	" 12	88	H. J. Rowland.	C. S. Swauman.	Joseph Cowie.	E. J. Jones.	1 and 3 Thurs.
175	Roman Eagle.	Nobles.	" 12	88	J. T. McKnight.	C. Swauman.	H. B. Lake.	E. A. Hamlin.	1 and 3 Mon.
176	Ark.	Henepin.	" 12	88	C. H. Spencer.	Robt. J. Gault.	J. H. Johnson.	John McConnell.	2 and 4 Sat.
177	Rough Ashlar.	Scott.	" 12	88	James McConnell.	E. E. Chard.	J. E. Juslin.	E. A. Boutwell.	2 and 4 Sat.
178	Anchor.	Morrison.	" 12	88	J. N. Carnes.	E. A. Bowers.	A. E. Juslin.	E. A. Boutwell.	2 and 4 Sat.
179	King David.	Elmore.	" 17	89	C. H. Carey.	J. S. Taylor.	P. H. Williams.	M. H. Getz.	2 and 4 Sat.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NUMBER.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.						
180	Osakis.	Douglas.	Jan. 17, '80	O. J. Lee.	C. H. Evenson.	G. M. Belding.	S. J. Lyons.	2 and 4 Sat.
181	Dalles.	St. Louis.	" 17, '83	F. L. Redfield.	C. E. Watkins.	G. D. Muegah.	Albert Cox.	1 and 3 Ths.
182	Fair Haven.	Wright.	" 16, '90	W. S. Huntington.	S. E. Ives.	Leroy Ritchie.	W. D. McDonald.	1 and 3 Sat.
184	Shell.	Hubbard.	" 16, '90	F. M. Shepard.	L. H. Rice.	J. W. Blood.	G. D. Mando.	1 and 3 Tues.
185	Milway.	Ramsey.	" 16, '90	C. P. Montgomery.	B. H. Craig.	Nathaniel Perkins.	E. L. Allard.	2 and 4 Fri.
186	Ionie.	St. Louis.	" 16, '90	Robert Graham.	Burr Porter.	H. D. Gee.	H. A. Hall.	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcana.	Minneapolis.	" 16, '90	D. C. Brown.	C. B. Greenwood.	E. T. Schneider.	H. C. L. MacMillan.	2 and 4 Mon.
188	Fortitude.	Two Harbors.	" 16, '90	D. A. Burke.	D. C. Morrison.	L. H. Bryan.	W. B. Woodward.	2 and 4 Wed.
189	Traverse.	Lake.	" 15, '91	R. H. Sigford.	F. W. Murphy.	J. T. Erickson.	G. K. Kristensen.	2 and 4 Tues.
190	Triune.	Traverse.	" 15, '91	E. A. Paradis.	E. A. Phillips.	H. L. Purill.	C. T. Sanders.	1 and 3 Tues.
191	Mizrah.	St. Paul.	" 15, '91	A. D. Mo.	F. J. Babcock.	E. L. Moon.	J. A. Irving.	1 and 3 Sat.
192	Crow River.	South St. Paul.	" 15, '91	Alex. Redway.	A. A. Warner.	W. B. Cortidge.	G. O. Ellingsboe.	1 and 3 Tues.
193	Amboy.	Belgrade.	" 15, '91	N. W. Sargent.	C. S. Lattin.	M. E. Schmidt.	J. H. Kinney.	1 and 3 Tues.
194	Canby.	Blue Earth.	" 15, '91	J. W. Funk.	M. C. Willford.	O. Larson.	J. Larson.	2 and 4 Tues.
195	Renville.	Fillmore.	" 15, '91	J. T. Hurr.	Jens Christianson.	M. L. Hassinger.	S. M. McIntosh.	1 and 3 Wed.
196	Geneva.	Renville.	" 15, '91	C. O. Hill.	Chas. Quist.	T. J. McEllegatt.	Amund Hegna.	1 and 3 Tues.
197	Vermillion.	St. Louis.	" 15, '91	George Kitto.	W. G. Williams.	James Lippett.	C. C. Pickard.	1 Tues.
198	Eucled.	Murray.	" 15, '91	L. S. Neuman.	David Graham.	H. R. Patterson.	C. A. Norton.	1 and 3 Wed.
199	Murray.	Murray.	" 15, '91	J. H. Low.	R. B. Forrest.	David Lowe.	C. A. Adams.	1 and 3 Sat.
200	Zenith.	Springfield.	" 14, '92	George Wilson.	A. Fredrickson.	Giles Parks.	N. C. Tennant.	1 and 3 Sat.
201	Kenyon.	Kenyon.	" 14, '92	J. A. Gates.	W. C. Kath.	R. C. Ruud.	A. W. Ewing.	1 and 3 Tues.
202	Venus.	Dawson.	" 14, '92	C. H. Sullivan.	S. A. Anderson, Jr.	R. W. Whitney.	A. C. Tichenor.	2 and 4 Tues.
203	Stewartville.	Stewartville.	" 14, '92	F. M. Parks.	L. G. Tubbs.	E. S. Nash.	L. M. Veughan.	2 and 4 Tues.
204	St. Elmo.	Jasper.	" 14, '92	G. W. Vekerman.	S. S. King.	A. H. Nash.	L. R. Thurston.	2 and 4 Ths.
205	Wayzata.	Wayzata.	" 12, '93	S. S. Kilvington.	W. S. Frear.	A. W. Foss.	G. F. Urmland.	2 and 4 Sat.
206	Fosston.	Fosston.	" 12, '93	Lewis Lehn.	Joel Foreberg.	J. D. Narlin, Jr.	W. J. Klester.	2 and 3 Ths.
207	Crescent.	Todd.	" 12, '93	E. E. Daniels.	A. W. Wheatley.	Chas. Kearney.	A. A. Kremer.	1 and 3 Fri.
208	Itasca.	Grand Rapids.	" 12, '93	D. M. Gunn.	Oscar L. Mathew.	R. R. Stoner.	F. Hagberg.	1 and 3 Fri.
209	Sibley.	Winthrop.	" 11, '94	J. A. E. Johnson.	Fred Pedratz.	F. R. Hansen.	A. C. Pearson.	2 and 4 Wed.
210	Columbian.	Heron Lake.	" 11, '94	J. L. Gesel.	J. H. Dudley.	Wm. Deane.	E. C. Cox.	1 and 3 Wed.
211	Friendship.	Graceville.	" 11, '94	C. L. Gross.	W. H. Vallancey.	J. H. Deane.	E. C. Yetter.	1 and 3 Tues.
212	Hallack.	Hallack.	" 11, '94	Ellis Falls.	J. H. Shaw.	J. McCallum.	J. H. McDonald.	1 and 3 Fri.
213	Myrtle.	Atkin.	" 17, '95	G. W. Knox.	A. L. Hamilton.	P. J. Wrangelborg.	Olof Dahlheim.	2 and 4 Tues.
214	Evansville.	Evansville.	" 17, '95	O. A. Felt.	C. W. Meckstroth.	H. W. Haugan.	D. Coutts.	1 and 3 Tues.
215	Argyle.	Argyle.	" 17, '95	Thomas Clark.	James Foreman.	O. L. Melsaard.	C. W. Collins.	1 and 3 Tues.
216	Florence.	Yellow Med.	" 16, '96	C. H. Childs.	Erick Johnson.	W. T. Bush.	G. H. Garner.	1 and 3 Tues.
217	Capital City.	St. Paul.	" 16, '96	E. W. McCord.	Nann. Lunsford.	M. S. Van Dressar.	Isaac Vervalen.	1 and 3 Mon.
218	Griswold.	Dassel.	" 16, '96	H. F. Ames.	W. W. Cuff.	S. E. Pape.	A. J. Erickson.	1 and 3 Sat.
219	Mt. Hermon.	Hancock.	" 14, '97	I. M. Peckonpaugh.	J. T. Davenport.	O. J. Everson.	C. A. Heins.	2 and 4 Sat.
220	Olivia.	Olivia.	" 14, '97	J. H. Cathin.	L. McKechnie.	C. R. Laingen.	J. F. Gibb.	1 and 3 Wed.
221	Equity.	Cottonwood.	" 14, '97	J. H. Cathin.	L. McKechnie.	C. R. Laingen.	J. F. Gibb.	1 and 3 Wed.

222 Elysiian.....	Elysiian.....	Le Sueur.....	" 13, '98	H. L. Coffin.....	Wm. Harty.....	A. F. West.....	J. G. Gertich.....	1 and 3 Wed.
223 Mora.....	Mora.....	Kanabec.....	" 13, '98	G. H. Newbert.....	J. B. Gorham.....	Jas. Brackett.....	Wm. Staples.....	2 and 4 Sat.
224 Minnesota.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 12, '99	Harvey Ricker.....	G. F. Getty.....	A. J. Johnson.....	H. R. Adams.....	1 and 3 Tues.
225 Justice.....	Lamberton.....	Redwood.....	" 12, '99	Richard Morton.....	Frank Clague.....	A. J. Weldon.....	A. H. Mohler.....	2 and 4 Mon.
226 Lincoln.....	Milaca.....	Mille Laes.....	" 12, '99	A. J. Barrett.....	James Ward.....	R. L. Cramb.....	Guy Ewing.....	1 and 3 Ths.
227 Park Region.....	Elbow Lake.....	Grant.....	" 12, '99	Wm. R. Hand.....	H. W. Barker.....	E. H. Cornell.....	K. Kristoferson.....	2 and 4 Mon.
228 Vernon Center.....	Blue Earth.....	Blue Earth.....	" 18, '00	E. D. Cornish.....	Henry Krause.....	J. D. Blanchard.....	Thos. Wigham.....	2 and 3 Sat.
229 Stewart.....	Stewart.....	McLeod.....	" 18, '00	R. S. Donaldson.....	A. H. Wilson.....	J. P. Hoyt.....	M. E. Hogle.....	2 and 4 Mon.
230 Alpha.....	Hendrum.....	Norman.....	" 18, '00	Wm. Anderson.....	".....	".....	C. F. Mickelsen.....	1 and 3 Sat.
231 Magnolia.....	Sherburn.....	Martin.....	" 18, '00	C. E. Greene.....	".....	John D. Oleson.....	A. L. Giles.....	1 and 3 Sat.
232 Chicago.....	North Branch.....	Chitauquo.....	" 18, '00	E. M. Dahlby.....	G. W. Rowell.....	".....	".....	".....

* Saturday preceding full moon.
 † Saturday on or before full moon.

‡ Wednesday in week moon fulls.

§ Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.

|| Monday of week moon fulls.

¶ Tuesday on or before full moon.

St. Johns, No. 1, was first chartered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, June 9, 1852. Cataract, No. 2, by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Oct. 5, 1852, and St. Paul, No. 3, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Jan. 24, 1853. These united in forming the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Feb. 24, 1853.

LIST OF LODGES STRICKEN FROM ROLL.

Lodge Number.	Lodge.	Location.		Date of Charter.	County.	Notes.
		Town.	County.			
3 St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	Feb. 24, '53	Charter surrendered, accepted by Grand Lodge Jan. 9, 1856, and restored to second St. Paul, No. 3, Jan. 18, 1900.	
6 St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	Jan. 10, '56	Charter surrendered Jan. 18, 1900, and charter of Feb. 24, 1853, accepted in its place.	
6 Shakopee.....	Shakopee.....	Shakopee.....	Scott.....	" 2, '55	Charter arrested in October, 1859, and surrendered in 1860.	
9 Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Rice.....	" 6, '57	Charter arrested early in 1863; restored in October, 1864; surrendered June 1, 1865.	
10 Pacific.....	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 6, '57	Charter surrendered Dec. 27, 1861	
13 Henderson.....	Henderson.....	Henderson.....	Sibley.....	" 6, '57	Charter arrested early in 1859 and surrendered in 1860.	
15 St. Cloud.....	St. Cloud.....	St. Cloud.....	Stearns.....	" 6, '57	Charter arrested in 1859, and surrendered in 1860.	
25 Meridian.....	Meridian.....	Meridian.....	Fillmore.....	Oct. 27, '58	Charter surrendered in 1860.	
53 Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	Rice.....	" 25, '58	Changed to No. 9, Jan. 15, 1869, by vote of Grand Lodge.	
68 Northern Light.....	Port Garry.....	Port Garry.....	Maaitoba.....	" 23, '67	U. S. D. at Pembina and Fort Garry from September, 1863; charter never delivered.	
70 Forest City.....	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	Meeker.....	Jan. 15, '69	Charter surrendered in 1873.	
74 Minnesota.....	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	Wabasha.....	" 15, '69	Charter destroyed by fire in 1881, and not re-issued.	
88 Yellowstone.....	Fort Buford.....	Fort Buford.....	Dakota Ter.....	" 10, '72	Charter surrendered June 6, 1874; members mostly soldiers.	
103 Shiloh.....	Dover.....	Dover.....	Dakota Ter.....	" 14, '74	Permission given to transfer to Grand Lodge of North Dakota in January, 1880.	
107 Adirondack.....	Dakota Ter.....	Dakota Ter.....	Dakota Ter.....	" 14, '74	Charter surrendered in November, 1880.	
120 Bismarck.....	Bismarck.....	Bismarck.....	Dakota Ter.....	" 11, '76	Transferred allegiance to Grand Lodge of North Dakota in December, 1880.	
127 Centennial.....	Delano.....	Delano.....	Wright.....	" 10, '77	Charter arrested in September, 1880, and never restored.	
130 Arcurus.....	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	Goodhue.....	" 16, '78	Consolidated with No. 8, April 21, 1897.	
133 Pelican Rapids.....	Pelican Rapids.....	Pelican Rapids.....	Otter Tail.....	" 18, '90	Charter forfeited Jan. 16, 1896, and surrendered Sept. 6, 1896.	

APPENDIX C.—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS FOR 1899.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members Jan. 1, 1899.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1900.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owning to the Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Lodge Liabilities.
																	For 1899.	Paid Grand Secretary.			
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater.....	173	4	3	2	12	1	2	2	...	...	...	4	6	189	\$75.80	\$75.80	\$978	\$4,767	\$850
2	Catact.....	Minneapolis.....	362	19	6	21	13	1	20	4	19	1	1	4	8	374	102.80	102.80	300	115,700	1,000
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	296	16	2	21	6	1	28	8	19	...	...	1	8	292	107.60	107.60	1,442	6,388	...
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	448	16	2	13	3	1	9	6	32	...	...	10	28	411	177.80	177.80	1,425	6,902	...
5	Ancient Landm'n.....	St. Paul.....	490	15	3	12	4	2	18	13	5	1	...	2	3	388	223.80	223.80	1,400	16,200	...
6	Dakota.....	Hastings.....	108	2	1	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	2	3	108	48.40	48.40	125	2,543	...
7	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	128	2	1	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	2	3	128	53.00	53.00	180	4,106	91
8	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	140	6	6	1	1	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	2	147	73.20	73.20	430	14,541	1,034
9	Manitouville.....	Manitouville.....	150	2	2	1	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	154	25.00	25.00	75	350	...
11	Wapahesa.....	Wapahesa.....	142	2	2	3	3	1	7	2	3	...	...	...	5	144	61.80	61.80	146	12,221	30
12	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	71	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	4	...	...	...	...	64	29.20	29.20	185	12,175	185
13	Hokan.....	Hokan.....	62	4	2	5	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	37.60	37.60	150	13,164	...
14	Winona.....	Winona.....	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	14.80	14.80	110	100	...
15	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	228	20	22	22	13	...	35	5	4	...	...	...	...	254	150.80	150.80	250	9,400	...
16	Calcedonia.....	Calcedonia.....	816	37	34	4	21	1	54	20	46	...	...	...	74	796	399.80	399.80	1,835	20,908	...
17	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	47	4	4	4	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	32.20	32.20	...	...	...
18	Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	137	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	6	...	...	...	2	131	55.80	55.80	150	13,171	150
19	North Star.....	St. Cloud.....	56	9	9	9	1	1	9	2	...	...	...	...	2	63	48.20	48.20	47	1,970	...
20	Wilton.....	Alma City.....	131	5	4	4	1	1	5	3	3	...	...	...	4	133	63.00	63.00	400	1,800	...
21	Western Star.....	Albert Lea.....	26	3	4	4	1	1	5	3	...	...	...	...	6	25	19.00	19.00	18	244	...
22	Blue Earth Valley.....	Winnipeg.....	148	4	5	6	2	1	9	4	7	...	...	...	6	151	71.00	71.00	480	1,585	...
23	Clear Water.....	Clear Water.....	67	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	9	62	23.20	23.20	130	525	...
24	Morning Star.....	La Crescent.....	57	1	3	3	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	4	59	29.80	29.80	68	15,882	1,980
25	Anoka.....	Anoka.....	42	2	4	4	2	1	6	3	...	...	...	...	4	41	20.40	20.40	50	11,950	300
26	King Hiram.....	Jordan.....	158	3	4	4	2	1	6	4	5	...	...	...	8	156	71.60	71.60	190	1,714	...
27	Sakatah.....	Waterville.....	37	3	1	2	2	1	3	1	3	...	...	...	7	33	18.40	18.40	80	502	...
28	Star in the East.....	Owatonna.....	65	6	6	6	4	...	8	4	...	...	...	...	4	69	44.60	44.60	87	604	...
29	Oriental.....	Cannon Falls.....	112	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	15	...	...	...	21	96	38.60	38.60	228	1,298	1,000
30	Mount Moriah.....	Hastings.....	56	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	3	60	34.40	34.40	100	12,045	...
31	Preston.....	Preston.....	81	1	2	2	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	3	82	34.40	34.40	40	42,045	...
32	Mystic Tie.....	Pine Island.....	80	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	92	37.00	37.00	40	14,400	476
33	West Concord.....	West Concord.....	48	3	1	3	1	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	1	48	22.80	22.80	80	435	75
34	Fidelity.....	Austin.....	47	10	1	7	5	...	12	6	...	...	...	...	9	48	40.80	40.80	...	...	...
35	Carmelan.....	Lake City.....	171	4	4	4	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	1	174	49.60	49.60	120	13,500	800
36	...	...	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	...	...	...	...	...

41	Hermion	52	1	1	10	3	5	8	54	38.60	34	259
42	Hope	75	1	1	6	5	2	7	74	41.20	432	+2,009
43	Harmony	42	1	1	1	1	10	10	74	12.40	46	675
44	King Solomon	70	1	1	1	1	3	10	62	29.00	100	400
45	Union	76	1	1	1	1	1	13	70	35.40	43	+1,811
46	Evergreen	32	1	1	7	5	3	5	95	28.80	46	+1,800
47	Concord	34	1	1	8	5	1	1	32	12.40	50	+390
48	Social	114	1	1	7	5	1	6	115	58.20	178	916
49	Rising Sun	120	1	1	7	2	1	1	132	61.20	65	+2,611
50	Watertown	20	1	1	7	2	1	1	132	12.40	65	1,076
51	Acacia	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	13.40	75	+1,400
52	Cottage Grove	84	1	1	12	1	1	1	34	16.40	54	+1,334
53	Morrisstown	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	57.20	180	1,063
54	Cannon River	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	93	20.00	200	500
55	Nicollet	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	81.40	175	+4,400
56	Meridian	166	1	1	1	1	1	1	171	49.20	238	1,093
57	Blue Earth City	81	1	1	1	1	1	1	84	41.80	175	1,500
58	Spring Valley	88	1	1	1	1	1	1	109	49.80	80	+1,235
59	Temple	118	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	32.60	80	+1,132
60	Star in the West	84	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	29.00	125	+1,986
61	Ashler	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	23.40	125	1,175
62	Star	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	62.40	202	+15,825
63	Illustrious	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	117	7.60	378	9,000
64	Chain Lake	113	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	33.00	106	476
65	Golden Rule	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	33.00	61	680
66	Madelia	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	17.80	61	680
67	Corinthian	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	24.00	56	100
68	Mystic Star	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	24.60	120	448
69	Paynesville	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	12.40	50	455
70	Lansing	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	7.20	154	206
71	Brownsville	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	42.00	138	+1,780
72	Bureka	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	22.40	66	426
73	Le Roy	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	47.40	325	1,300
74	Good Thunder	93	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	22.20	86	496
75	Waseca	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	23.80	2,375	6,043
76	Houston	440	1	1	1	1	1	1	470	23.80	232	+3,005
77	Duluth	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	25.80	158	1,293
78	Henderson	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	26.20	56	500
79	Alexandria	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	14.60	50	+2,437
80	Howard	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	27.20	42	+362
81	Kasson	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	31.00	85	+1,387
82	Money Creek	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	38.60	64	+1,350
83	High Forest	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	38.00	200	710
84	Tyrian	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	123	58.60	87	625
85	Maneppa	125	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	37.40	180	+993
86	Doric	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	96	87.40	180	
87	Golden Fleece	74	1	1	1	1	1	1				
88	Good Faith		1	1	1	1	1	1				
89	Antiquity		1	1	1	1	1	1				
90			1	1	1	1	1	1				
91			1	1	1	1	1	1				

APPENDIX C.—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS FOR 1899—Continued.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members Jan. 1, 1899.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1900.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owing to the Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Lodge Liabilities.
																	For 1899.	Paid Grand Secretary.			
92	Fraternal.....	Princeton.....	74	1	1	1	1		1	13					13	62	\$32.20	\$27.00	\$47	\$850	
93	Unity.....	Sank Rapids.....	53	2	1		1		1	1						54	25.60	25.60	464	983	
94	Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye.....	52	1	1	1	2		3	1				1	2	53	23.00	23.00	105	49,566	
95	Sherburne.....	Pik River.....	62	3	2	1	1		3	1					3	64	31.00	31.00	115	1,181	\$189
96	Libanus.....	St. James.....	61	3		3	1		1	2				2	3	59	26.40	26.40	247	917	20
97	Prudence.....	Windom.....	61	3	3	3	1		4	3					3	81	38.60	38.60	389	42,969	
98	Charity.....	New Ulm.....	65	1	1	1	1		4	1				1	5	64	27.00	27.00	156	45,821	1,685
99	Corner Stone.....	Fergus Falls.....	102				1		1	3				2	5	98	38.80	38.80	75	525	300
100	Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	142	10	10	10	1		11	1				1	4	149	84.00	84.00	330	1,221	
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington.....	60	2	1	1	2	1	4	3				1	4	60	26.00	26.00	110	850	
102	Lebanon.....	Lanesboro.....	20	3	7	7	3		10	1				1	1	29	24.20	24.20	50	175	
103	Bethel.....	Lake Crystal.....	84				7		8	2				1	2	82	32.80	32.80	250	729	
104	Sharon.....	Willmar.....	75		6	6	1		6	3				1	2	81	47.40	47.40	440	160	
106	Mt. Tabor.....	Detroit.....	106	5	3	3	5	1	6	4				1	2	105	40.80	40.80	141	782	
108	Relief.....	Dodge Center.....	76	4	5	5	2		5	4				1	2	73	40.80	40.80	146	835	
109	Sunset.....	Montevideo.....	96	4	2	2	1	2	5	4				1	6	95	44.00	44.00	503	49,072	75
110	Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	43	6	6	6	6		1	1				1	2	31	34.40	34.40	58	2,404	
111	Carver.....	Carver.....	32	1	1	1	1		22	1				1	2	370	135.20	135.20	1,439	3,573	
112	Khurum.....	Minneapolis.....	374	18	19	19	2	1	10	2				6	2	43	39.80	39.80	45	400	150
113	Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	37	9	9	9	9	1	10	1				2	3	58	22.40	22.40	90	330	
114	Ben Franklin.....	Luverne.....	61						2	2				1	3	49	21.40	21.40	25	306	
115	Elgin.....	Elgin.....	42	2	1	2	2		4	3				1	3	53	31.60	31.60	60	306	40
116	Lafayette.....	Brownsdale.....	52	4	4	4	4	1	4	3				3	3	44	28.00	28.00	180	366	
117	Granite.....	Granite Falls.....	48	4	4	4	4		5	3				3	2	110	58.00	58.00	377	1,100	75
118	Newport.....	Newport.....	47							2					2	54	25.00	25.00	102	41,240	131
119	Delta.....	Marshall.....	98	19	16	17	2		19	3					7	35	8.20	8.20	20	63	
121	Grand Meadow.....	G'd Meadow.....	53	25	1	2	3		3	1					1	64	24.60	24.60	115	445	153
122	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	37	1	4	4	4		10	1				2	3	51	49.80	49.80	238	49,096	1,200
123	Pringle.....	Bloomington.....	57	11	9	9	1		4	2				1	1	46	27.80	27.80	203	327	
124	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	57	11	9	9	1		10	1				1	1	73	50.60	50.60	100	48,450	1,750
125	Winslow Lewis.....	Osseo.....	51	5	3	3	3	1	4	1				1	1	49	20.00	20.00	167	696	
126	Moorhead.....	Moorhead.....	43	9	8	8	1		2	2				1	6	67	20.00	20.00	100		
128	Josephus.....	Mapleton.....	67	9	8	8	1	2	9	1				1	1	49	45.00	45.00	68		
129	Swift.....	Penson.....	48	1	1	1	8		10	5					1	67					
131	Alma.....	Lyle.....	63							1					1						

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Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members Jan. 1, 1899.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1900.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owing to the Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Lodge Liabilities.
																For 1899.	Paid Grand Secretary.			
178	Anchor.....	Royalton.....	36	4	4	3	.....	.....	3	2	2	.....	.....	4	35	\$23.80	\$23.80	\$66	\$135	.....
179	King David.....	Elmore.....	46	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	21.60	21.60	148	153	.....
180	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	37	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	1	.....	.....	1	2	38	13.20	13.20	77	401	.....
181	Dalles.....	Cloquet.....	75	3	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	40.20	40.20	567	+3,735	\$1,964
182	Fair Haven.....	Annandale.....	36	3	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	28.00	28.00	110	495	.....
183	Sheil.....	St. Paul.....	48	6	3	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	31.60	31.60	114	516	.....
184	Midway.....	Duluth.....	62	5	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	34.80	34.80	200	813	90
185	Ionic.....	Minneapolis.....	145	19	18	18	7	.....	25	5	4	.....	.....	.....	164	109.80	109.80	725	504	.....
186	Arcana.....	Two Harbors.....	84	4	3	3	2	.....	5	2	4	.....	.....	.....	88	41.00	41.00	161	706	.....
187	Fortitude.....	Wheaton.....	49	3	3	3	.....	.....	7	1	2	.....	.....	.....	52	41.00	41.00	81	1,513	.....
188	Triune.....	St. Paul.....	52	3	3	3	1	.....	4	3	2	.....	.....	.....	55	29.40	29.40	217	1,058	.....
189	Traverse.....	Belgrade.....	81	4	3	3	.....	.....	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	40.40	40.40	294	1,454	150
190	Mizpah.....	South St. Paul.....	31	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	23.20	23.20	86	230	.....
191	Crow River.....	Amboy.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	7.20	7.20	97	97	.....
192	Amboy.....	Belgrade.....	24	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	11.40	11.40	30	146	95
193	Canton.....	Belgrade.....	69	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	40.00	40.00	107	964	199
194	Renville.....	Canton.....	43	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	24.20	24.20	28	400	.....
195	Genoa.....	Renville.....	33	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	17.00	17.00	130	219	.....
196	Verdillion.....	Tower.....	66	10	14	14	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	50.40	50.40	249	643	.....
197	Euclid.....	West Duluth.....	51	14	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	61.20	61.20	397	884	300
198	Murray.....	Springfield.....	44	1	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	20.20	20.20	155	384	.....
199	Zenith.....	Kenyon.....	74	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	46.20	46.20	20	350	.....
200	Kenyon.....	Dawson.....	25	5	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	20.60	20.60	20	+2,757	950
201	Venus.....	Stewartville.....	56	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	12.20	12.20	60	78	47
202	Stewartville.....	Jasper.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	30.20	30.20	.....	.....	.....
203	St. Elmo.....	Fosston.....	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	8.20	8.20	46	192	.....
204	Wayzata.....	Staples.....	35	3	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	13.60	13.60	170	442	.....
205	Fosston.....	Grand Rapids.....	33	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	19.80	19.80	195	432	125
206	Crescent.....	Winthrop.....	69	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	45.80	45.80	287	1,254	51
207	Itasca.....	Friendship.....	38	5	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	21.80	21.80	194	234	.....
208	Sibley.....	Heron Lake.....	19	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	10.20	10.20	39	255	.....
209	Columbian.....	Graceville.....	24	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	10.80	10.80	70	174	27
210	Friendship.....	Hallock.....	42	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	14.40	14.40	48	570	.....
211	Hallock.....	Atkin.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	21.80	21.80	25	481	.....
212	Mystic.....	.....	38	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	21.00	21.00	49	448	.....

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL, 1900.

GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS	MILE'GE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
A. T. Stebbins, M. W. G. M.	\$3.70	\$6.00	\$9.70	A. T. Stebbins.
A. Brandenburg, D. G. M.	7.50	6.00	13.50	A. Brandenburg.
A. D. Countryman, S. G. W.	6.20	6.00	12.20	A. D. Countryman.
Gid. S. Ives, J. G. W.	2.75	6.00	8.75	Gid. S. Ives.
J. H. Thompson, G. Treas. ....	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Thompson.
Thos. Montgomery, G. Sec. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	Thos. Montgomery.
H. D. Dickinson, G. O. ....	.20	6.00	6.20	H. D. Dickinson.
Ezra B. Chase, G. Chap.	2.35	6.00	8.35	Ezra B. Chase.
Henry R. Adams, S. G. D. ....	.20	6.00	6.20	H. R. Adams.
W. A. McGonagle, J. G. D.	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. A. McGonagle.
Henry M. Tusler, G. Marsh. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	Henry M. Tusler.
Thomas Morris, G. St. B.	11.70	6.00	17.70	Tom Morris.
M. C. Sullivan, G. Sw. B.	5.20	6.00	11.20	M. C. Sullivan.
Enoch Stott, S. G. St.	4.05	6.00	10.05	E. Stott.
H. O. Hilton, J. G. St.	1.15	6.00	7.15	H. O. Hilton.
Wm. M. Selby, G. Furs.	5.10	6.00	11.10	Wm. M. Selby.
Chas. W. Nash, P. G. M. ....	.20	6.00	6.20	Chas. W. Nash.
Chas. Griswold, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	Chas. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M. ....	.85	6.00	6.85	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	3.70	6.00	9.70	R. H. Gove.
J. A. Kiester, P. G. M.	5.10	6.00	11.10	J. A. Kiester.
W. F. Dickinson, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	W. F. Dickinson.
C. L. Brown, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. L. Brown.
W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M.	2.50	6.00	8.50	W. T. Rigby.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	3.20	6.00	9.20	Geo. H. Davis.
C. L. West, P. D. G. M.	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. L. West.
Thos. J. Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. J. Lombard.
S. E. Adams, P. S. G. W. ....	.20	6.00	6.20	S. E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W. ....	.20	6.00	6.20	Edgar Nash.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. P. Barnum.
A. Marden, P. J. G. W.	3.55	6.00	9.55	A. Marden.
H. C. Shepard, P. J. G. W. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. C. Shepard.
W. B. Patton, P. J. G. W. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	W. B. Patton.
J. D. Markham, P. J. G. W.	2.50	6.00	8.50	J. D. Markham.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
J. M. Rowley.....4 days	3.70	12.00	15.70	J. M. Rowley.
O. C. Hanson.....4 days	6.30	12.00	18.30	O. C. Hanson.
L. R. Barto.....4 days	4.70	12.00	16.70	L. R. Barto.

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1	St. John's.....	\$0.40	\$6.00	\$6.40	W. C. Masterman.
2	Cataract.....	.20	6.00	6.20	John Friend.
3	St. Paul.....	6.00	6.00	Jas. J. Early.
4	Hennepin.....	.20	6.00	6.20	E. E. Peterson.
5	Ancient Landmark.....	.....	6.00	6.00	P. C. Williams.
7	Dakota.....	.80	6.00	6.80	G. A. Emerson.
8	Red Wing.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	E. H. Foot.
9	Faribault.....	2.10	6.00	8.10	Jas. R. Smith.
11	Mantorville.....	2.95	6.00	8.95	W. H. Edison.
12	Mankato.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	Clark Keysor.
16	Monticello.....	1.90	6.00	7.90	M. J. Kingsbury.
17	Hokah.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	A. J. Snure.
18	Winona.....	4.05	6.00	10.05	O. M. Botsford.
19	Minneapolis.....	.20	6.00	6.20	L. A. Condit.
20	Caledonia.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	Ed. Krick.
21	Rochester.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. E. Callaghan.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	8.00	6.00	14.00	Milton Page.
23	North Star.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	J. C. Munro.
24	Wilton.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	Geo. Hofeld.
26	Western Star.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	C. M. Wilkinson.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	E. E. Crandall.
28	Clear Water.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	Joseph Whittemore.
29	Morning Star.....	5.05	6.00	11.05	Jas. Robillard.
30	Anoka.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	E. Hammons.
81	King Hiram.....	1.30	6.00	7.30	Barkley Varner.
82	Sakatah.....	2.60	6.00	8.60	C. H. Bliss.
33	Star in the East.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	H. Anderson.
34	Oriental.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	H. E. Conley.
35	Mount Moriah.....	.80	6.00	6.80	A. W. Johnson.
36	Preston.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	K. W. Buell.
37	Mystic Tie.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	Chas. L. Parham.
38	Washington.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	A. G. Norton.
39	Fidelity.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	Jno. H. Anderson.
40	Carnelian.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	W. H. Hubbard.
41	Hermon.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	E. Woodbury.
42	Hope.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	B. W. Pierce.
43	Harmony.....	5.35	6.00	11.35	Lewis J. Baldwin.
44	King Solomon.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	Chas. G. Hinds.
45	Union.....	2.30	6.00	8.30	A. E. Cadwell.
46	Evergreen.....	5.00	6.00	11.00	D. A. Ferguson.
47	Concord.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	M. A. Hill.
48	Social.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	J. W. Hunter.
49	Rising Sun.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	R. M. Dixon.
50	Watertown.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	Walter St. John.
51	Acacia.....	.30	6.00	6.30	J. A. McHattie.
52	Cannon River.....	2.70	6.00	8.70	Geo. Molm.
54	Nicollet.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	E. E. Miller.
55	Zion.....	1.80	6.00	7.80	R. E. Seavey.
56	Meridian.....	4.75	6.00	10.75	W. W. Murphy.
57	Blue Earth City.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	J. H. Sprout.
58	Spring Valley.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	B. F. Farmer.
59	Temple.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	Chas. Avery.
60	Star in the West.....	4.90	6.00	10.90	H. S. Doty.
61	Ashler.....	4.20	6.00	10.20	G. A. Klose.
62	Star.....	2.10	6.00	8.10	F. H. Johnson.
63	Illustrious.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	G. R. Hall.
64	Chain Lake.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	M. Aldrich.
65	Golden Rule.....	1.35	6.00	7.35	C. V. Holmstrom.
66	Madelia.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	W. R. Estes.
67	Corinthian.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. M. Dodge.
69	Mystic Star.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	Jno. Martin.
71	Paynesville.....	3.75	6.00	9.75	H. A. Wells.
72	Lansing.....	3.75	6.00	9.75	H. Lyons.
73	Brownsville.....	1.20	6.00	7.20	E. M. Winslow.
75	Eureka.....	4.55	6.00	10.55	Geo. W. Palmer.
76	Joppa.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	W. A. Wilsie.
77	Tuscan.....	5.10	6.00	9.10	F. M. Curtis.
78	Mystic Circle.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	H. Harris.
79	Palestine.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	S. O. Sterrett.

PAY ROLL, 1900—Continued.

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80	Henderson.....	\$2.05	\$6.00	\$8.05	E. L. Welch.
81	Constellation.....	5.65	6.00	11.65	W. T. Cowing.
82	Howard.....	1.90	6.00	7.90	E. H. Learned.
83	Huram Abi.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	J. J. McCoy.
84	Orient.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	F. F. Butler.
85	High Forest.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	Geo. F. Brown.
86	Tyrian.....	2.70	6.00	8.70	E. L. Ford.
87	Doric.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	B. Bieri.
89	Golden Fleece.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	H. M. Angier.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	Alexander Fiddes.
91	Antiquity.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	W. R. Caswell.
92	Fraternal.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	A. A. Caswell.
93	Unity.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	Wm. Sartell.
94	Keystone.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	L. C. Hanson.
95	Sherburne.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	W. G. Merrifield.
96	Libanus.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	G. Morris.
98	Charity.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	J. C. Geiger.
99	Corner Stone.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	J. T. Johnson.
100	Aurora.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	Milton McFadden.
101	Fraternity.....	6.90	6.00	12.90	Wilson Ager.
102	Lebanon.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	J. H. Burns.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	W. R. Cullen.
104	Sharon.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	S. Berkness.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	T. Alston Nottage.
108	Relief.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	F. M. Higgins.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	W. H. Wells.
110	Pickwick.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	Geo. Sainsbury.
111	Carver.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	Geo. Goetze.
112	Khurum.....	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Abbott.
113	Excelsior.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	J. C. Smith.
114	Ben Franklin.....	8.20	6.00	14.20	J. A. Kennicott.
115	Elgin.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	W. P. Holton.
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	G. W. Gray.
117	Granite.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	F. J. Cressey.
118	Newport.....	.30	6.00	6.30	J. M. Frickey.
119	Delta.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. M. Fredenburg.
121	Grand Meadow.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	W. A. Nolan.
122	Kellogg.....	2.20	6.00	8.20	H. W. Caulfield.
123	Prairie.....	3.40	6.00	9.40	G. E. Johnson.
124	Janesville.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	M. A. Devereaux.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	.95	6.00	6.95	A. J. Smith.
126	Moorhead.....	9.70	6.00	15.70	O. Thorstenson.
128	Josephus.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. P. Emerson.
129	Swift.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	A. Olson.
131	Alma.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	O. J. Fluent.
132	Humboldt.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	H. C. Ackermann.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	W. B. Hancock.
134	Cokato.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	G. P. Olson.
135	Nelson.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	Jno. T. Alley.
136	Walnut.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	W. J. Swoffer.
137	Appleton.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	W. A. Kyes.
138	Orion.....	3.60	6.00	9.60	Jas. H. Strong.
139	Verndale.....	7.10	6.00	13.10	E. A. Kling.
140	Little Falls.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	L. D. Brown.
141	Crookston.....	11.70	6.00	17.70	W. G. Lytle.
143	Lakeview.....	7.10	6.00	13.10	H. L. Zweiner.
144	Bird Island.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. H. Feeter.
146	Benton.....	7.40	6.00	13.40	W. W. Bliven.
147	Canby.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	J. P. Lester.
148	Quarry.....	7.70	6.00	13.70	Jno. W. Cook.
149	Guardian.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	Ed. Hawley.
150	Warren.....	12.90	6.00	18.90	H. L. Wood.
151	Chaska.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. C. Odell.
153	Kodahya.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	W. H. Carter.
154	Norman.....	10.00	6.00	16.00	H. V. De Guinon.
155	Tracy.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	Morris Workman.
156	Wadena.....	6.35	6.00	12.35	C. W. Miller.
157	Perham.....	7.30	6.00	13.30	M. S. G. Henry.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
158	Hector.....	\$3.60	\$6.00	\$9.60	F. J. P. Hanson.
159	Long Prairie.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	M. F. Caulfield.
160	Plymouth.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Geo. R. Chipman.
161	Sincerity.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	W. R. Holly.
162	Prescott.....	6.75	6.00	12.75	A. W. Wells.
163	Summit.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Henry M. Tusler.
164	Jasper.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	J. S. McDonald.
165	Minnehaha.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Geo. Cessford.
166	Garnet.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. C. Fulton.
167	Agate.....	7.70	6.00	13.70	W. D. Cross.
168	Braden.....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. H. Cooper.
169	Pierson.....	8.75	6.00	14.75	Thos. Gunness.
170	Fulda.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	Emil King.
171	Shekinah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. S. Schurman.
172	Marietta.....	.80	6.00	6.80	H. M. Bell.
174	Valley.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	H. J. Rowland.
175	Roman Eagle.....	7.60	6.00	13.60	Clarence Swauman.
176	Ark.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Chas. H. Spencer.
178	Anchor.....	3.85	6.00	9.85	J. N. Carnes.
179	King David.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	C. H. Carey.
180	Osakis.....	5.25	6.00	11.25	O. J. Lee.
181	Dalles.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	F. L. Redfield.
182	Fair Haven.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	H. K. Kelly.
184	Shell.....	7.75	6.00	13.75	F. M. Shepard.
185	Midway.....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. F. Montgomery.
186	Ionic.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	R. Graham.
187	Arcana.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Dan. C. Brown.
189	Traverse.....	8.20	6.00	14.20	R. H. Sigford.
190	Triune.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Ed. A. Paradis.
191	Mizpah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Arthur D. Moe.
192	Crow River.....	1.20	6.00	7.20	Alex. Redgway.
193	Amboy.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	C. L. Lattin.
194	Canton.....	7.40	6.00	13.40	M. C. Willford.
195	Renville.....	4.60	6.00	10.60	J. T. Horr.
196	Geneva.....	7.30	6.00	13.30	Chas. O. Hill.
197	Vermillion.....	11.45	6.00	17.45	W. N. Shepard.
198	Euclid.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	L. S. Neuman.
199	Murray.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	J. H. Low.
200	Zenith.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	Geo. Wilson.
201	Kenyon.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	Jas. A. Gates.
202	Venus.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	C. H. Sullivan.
203	Stewartville.....	6.40	6.00	12.40	F. M. Parks.
205	Wayzata.....	.95	6.00	6.95	S. S. Kilvington.
206	Fosston.....	12.35	6.00	18.35	J. Fogelberg.
207	Crescent.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	A. W. Wheatley.
208	Itasca.....	8.35	6.00	14.35	D. M. Gunn.
209	Sibley.....	2.20	6.00	8.20	J. A. E. Johnson.
210	Columbian.....	4.80	6.00	10.80	Jno. L. Gessell.
211	Friendship.....	7.35	6.00	13.35	C. S. Gross.
212	Hallock.....	14.60	6.00	20.60	E. Ellis.
213	Mystic.....	6.60	6.00	12.60	Geo. W. Knox.
214	Evansville.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	O. A. Felt.
215	Argyle.....	13.35	6.00	19.35	O. L. Melgaard.
216	Florence.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	C. H. Childs.
217	Capital City.....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. W. McCord.
218	Griswold.....	2.60	6.00	8.60	H. F. Ames.
219	Mt. Hermon.....	5.95	6.00	11.95	F. Wilcox.
220	Olivia.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. M. Peckenpaugh.
221	Equity.....	5.85	6.00	11.85	L. McKechnie.
223	Mora.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	Geo. H. Newbert.
224	Minnesota.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Harvey Ricker.
225	Justice.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	R. Morton.
226	Lincoln.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	A. J. Barrett.
		\$935.40	\$1,452.00	\$2,387.40	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	NO.	NAME.	NO.	NAME.	NO.
Acacia	51	Golden Fleece	89	Olivia	220
Agate	167	Golden Rule	65	Orient	84
Alpha	230	Golden Sheaf	133	Oriental	34
Alma	131	Good Faith	90	Orion	138
Amboy	193	Grand Meadow	121	Osakis	180
Anchor	178	Granite	117	Palestine	79
Ancient Landmark ..	5	Griswold	218	Park Region	227
Ancka	30	Guardian	149	Paynesville	71
Antiquity	91	Hallock	212	Perham	157
Appleton	137	Harmony	43	Pickwick	110
Arcata	187	Hector	158	Pierson	169
Argyle	215	Henderson	80	Pleasant Grove	22
Ark	176	Hennepin	4	Plumb Line	173
Ashler	61	Hermion	41	Plymouth	160
Atalier	202	High Forest	85	Prairie	123
Aurora	100	Hokah	17	Prescott	162
Bemidji	U D	Hope	42	Preston	36
Ben Franklin	114	Howard	82	Prudence	97
Benton	146	Humboldt	132	Quarry	148
Bethel	103	Huram Abi	83	Red Wing	8
Bird Island	144	Illustrious	63	Relief	108
Blue Earth City	57	Ionic	186	Renville	195
Blue Earth Valley ..	27	Itasca	208	Rising Sun	49
Bradon	168	Janesville	124	Rochester	21
Brownsville	73	Jasper	164	Roman Eagle	175
Caledonia	20	Joppa	76	Rough Ashlar	177
Canby	147	Josephus	128	St. Elmo	204
Cannon River	62	Justice	225	St. Johns	1
Canton	194	Kellogg	122	St. Paul	3
Capital City	217	Kenyon	201	Sakatah	32
Carnellian	40	Keystone	94	Sandstone	U D
Carver	111	Khurum	112	Sharon	104
Cataract	2	King David	179	Shekinah	171
Chain Lake	64	King Hiram	31	Shell	184
Charity	98	King Solomon	44	Sherburne	95
Chaska	151	Kodahya	153	Sibley	209
Chisago	232	Lafayette	116	Sincerity	161
Clear Water	28	Lakeview	143	Social	48
Cokato	134	Lansing	72	Spring Valley	58
Columbian	210	Lebanon	102	Star	62
Concord	47	Libanus	96	Star in the East	33
Constellation	81	Lincoln	223	Star in the West	60
Corinthian	67	Little Falls	140	Stewart	223
Corner Stone	99	Long Prairie	159	Stewartville	203
Crescent	207	Madella	66	Summit	163
Crookston	141	Magnolia	231	Sunset	109
Crow River	192	Mankato	12	Swift	129
Currie	142	Mantorville	11	Temple	59
Dakota	7	Marietta	172	Tracy	155
Dalles	181	Melrose	145	Traverse	189
Delta	119	Meridian	56	Triune	190
Doric	87	Midway	185	Tuscan	77
Elgin	115	Minneapolis	19	Tyrian	86
Elysian	222	Minnehaha	165	Union	45
Equity	221	Minnesota	224	Unity	93
Euclid	198	Mizpah	191	Valley	174
Eureka	75	Monticello	16	Vermillion	197
Evansville	214	Moorhead	126	Verndale	139
Evergreen	46	Mora	223	Verron Center	228
Excelsior	113	Morning Star	29	Wadena	156
Fair Haven	182	Mount Hermon	219	Walnut	136
Fairbault	9	Mount Moriah	35	Wapahosa	14
Fidelity	39	Mount Tabor	106	Warren	150
Florence	216	Murray	193	Washington	38
Fortitude	188	Mystic	213	Watertown	60
Fosston	206	Mystic Circle	78	Wazyata	205
Fraternal	92	Mystic Star	69	Western Star	26
Fraternity	101	Mystic Tie	37	Wilton	24
Friendship	211	Nelson	125	Winona	18
Frontier	152	Newport	118	Winslow Lewis	125
Fulda	170	Nicollet	54	Zenith	200
Garnet	166	Norman	154	Zion	55
Geneva	196	North Star	23		

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	NO.
Ada.....	Norman.....	154	Glencoe.....	Hope.....	42
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle.....	175	Glenwood.....	Valley.....	174
Aitkin.....	Mystic.....	213	Good Thunder.....	Joppa.....	76
Albert Lea.....	Western Star.....	26	Graceville.....	Friendship.....	211
Alexandria.....	Constellation.....	81	Grand Meadow.....	Grand Meadow.....	121
Alma City.....	Wilton.....	24	Grand Rapids.....	Itasca.....	208
Amboy.....	Amboy.....	103	Granite Falls.....	Granite.....	117
Annandale.....	Fair Haven.....	182	Hallock.....	Hallock.....	212
Anoka.....	Anoka.....	80	Hancock.....	Mt. Hermon.....	219
Appleton.....	Appleton.....	137	Hastings.....	Dakota.....	7
Argyle.....	Argyle.....	215	Hastings.....	Mt. Moriah.....	35
Atwater.....	Orion.....	138	Hector.....	Hector.....	158
Austin.....	Fidelity.....	39	Henderson.....	Henderson.....	80
Barnesville.....	Pierson.....	169	Hendrum.....	Alpha.....	230
Belgrade.....	Crow River.....	192	Herman.....	Prescott.....	162
Belle Plaine.....	Rough Ashlar.....	177	Heron Lake.....	Columbian.....	210
Bemidji.....	Bemidji.....	U D	High Forest.....	High Forest.....	85
Benson.....	Swift.....	129	Hokah.....	Hokah.....	17
Bird Island.....	Bird Island.....	144	Houston.....	Mystic Circle.....	78
Big Prairie.....	Prairie.....	123	Howard Lake.....	Howard.....	32
B. Earth City.....	Blue Earth City.....	57	Hutchinson.....	Temple.....	59
Brainerd.....	Aurora.....	100	Jasper.....	Good Faith.....	90
Breckenridge.....	Frontier.....	152	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	124
Breckenridge Valley.....	Kodahya.....	153	Jackson.....	St. Elmo.....	204
Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	73	Jordan.....	King Hiram.....	31
Brownsdale.....	Lafayette.....	116	Kasson.....	Hiram Abi.....	33
Brownston.....	Guardian.....	149	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	122
Buffalo.....	Nelson.....	135	Kenyon.....	Kenyon.....	201
Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	20	Kimball Prairie.....	Plumb Line.....	173
Campbell.....	Agate.....	167	La Crescent.....	Morning Star.....	29
Canby.....	Canby.....	147	Lake Benton.....	Benton.....	146
Cannon Falls.....	Oriental.....	34	Lake City.....	Carnellian.....	40
Canton.....	Canton.....	194	Lake Crystal.....	Bethel.....	103
Carver.....	Carver.....	111	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule.....	65
Chaska.....	Chaska.....	151	Lamberton.....	Justice.....	225
Chatfield.....	Meridian.....	56	Lanesboro.....	Lebanon.....	102
Clear Water.....	Clear Water.....	28	Lansing.....	Lansing.....	72
Cleveland.....	Concord.....	47	Le Roy.....	Eureka.....	75
Cloquet.....	Dalles.....	181	Le Sueur.....	Union.....	45
Clyde.....	Evergreen.....	46	Lewiston.....	Harmony.....	43
Cokato.....	Cokato.....	134	Litchfield.....	Golden Fleece.....	89
Cottage Grove.....	Acacia.....	51	Little Falls.....	Little Falls.....	140
Cottonwood.....	Equity.....	221	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie.....	159
Crookston.....	Crookston.....	141	Luverne.....	Ben Franklin.....	114
Currie.....	Currie.....	142	Lyle.....	Alma.....	131
Dassel.....	Griswold.....	213	Madelia.....	Madelia.....	66
Dawson.....	Atalier.....	202	Madison.....	Geneva.....	196
Detroit.....	Mt. Tabor.....	106	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	12
Dodge Center.....	Relief.....	103	Mantorville.....	Mantorville.....	11
Duluth.....	Palestine.....	79	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	172
Duluth.....	Ionic.....	186	Marshall.....	Delta.....	119
Elbow Lake.....	Park Region.....	227	Mapleton.....	Josephus.....	128
Elgin.....	Elgin.....	115	Mazeppa.....	Tyrian.....	86
Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	95	Melrose.....	Melrose.....	145
Elmore.....	King David.....	170	Lincoln.....	Lincoln.....	226
Elysian.....	Elysian.....	222	Minneapolis.....	Cataract.....	2
Evansville.....	Evansville.....	214	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	4
Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	113	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	19
Eyota.....	Ashler.....	61	Minneapolis.....	Khurum.....	112
Fairmont.....	Chain Lake.....	64	Minneapolis.....	Plymouth.....	190
Fairbault.....	Fairbault.....	9	Minneapolis.....	Minnehaha.....	165
Farmington.....	Corinthian.....	67	Minneapolis.....	Ark.....	176
Fergus Falls.....	Corner Stone.....	99	Minneapolis.....	Arcana.....	187
Fosston.....	Fosston.....	206	Minneapolis.....	Minnesota.....	224
Fulda.....	Fulda.....	170	Money Creek.....	Orient.....	84

APPENDIX F.—Continued.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Montevideo....	Sunset	109	Stewart.....	Stewart	229
Monticello....	Monticello	16	Stewartville..	Stewartville	203
Moorhead....	Moorhead	126	Stillwater....	St. Johns.....	1
Mora.....	Mora	223	St. Charles...	Rising Sun....	49
Morris.....	Golden Sheaf... 133		St. Cloud.....	North Star....	23
Morristown...	Cannon River... 52		St. James.....	Libanus	96
N. Paynesville	Paynesville	71	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3
Newport.....	Newport	118	St. Paul.....	Ancient Landm'k	5
New Ulm.....	Charity	98	St. Paul.....	Summit	163
North Branch.	Chisago	232	St. Paul.....	Braden	168
Northfield...	Social	48	St. Paul.....	Shekinah	171
Olivia.....	Olivia	220	St. Paul.....	Midway	185
Ortonville...	Lakeview	143	St. Paul.....	Triune	190
Osakis.....	Osakis	180	St. Paul.....	Capital City...	217
Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis.. 125		St. Peter.....	Nicollet	54
Owatonna....	Star in the East. 33		Taylor's Falls.	Zion	55
Park Rapids..	Shell	184	Tower.....	Vermillion	197
Perham.....	Perham	157	Tracy.....	Tracy	155
Pickwick....	Pickwick	110	Two Harbors..	Fortitude	183
Pine Island..	Mystic Tie.....	37	Verndale.....	Verndale	139
Pipestone....	Quarry	148	Vernon Center	Vernon Center ..	223
Plainview....	Illustrious	63	Villard.....	Sincerity	161
Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove... 22		Wabasha.....	Wapahasa	14
Preston.....	Preston	36	Wadena.....	Wadena	156
Princeton....	Fraternal	92	Walnut Grove.	Walnut	136
Red Wing....	Red Wing.....	8	Warren.....	Warren	150
Redwood Falls	Antiquity	91	Wesaca.....	Tuscan	77
Renville....	Renville	195	Watertown...	Watertown	50
Rochester...	Rochester	21	Waterville...	Sakatah	32
Rockford....	Star	62	Wayzata.....	Wayzata	205
Royalton....	Anchor	178	Wells.....	Doric	87
Rush City....	Jasper	164	West Concord.	Washington	88
Rushford....	Mystic Star.....	69	West Duluth..	Euclid	168
Sandstone....	Sandstone	U D	Wheaton.....	Traverse	189
Sauk Center..	Star in the West 60		White Bear...	Garnet	166
Sauk Rapids..	Unity	93	Willmar.....	Sharon	104
Shakopee....	King Solomon... 44		Windom.....	Prudence	97
Slayton.....	Murray	199	Win'boro City	Blue Earth Val'y	27
Sherburn....	Magnolia	231	Winona.....	Winona	18
Sleepy Eye...	Keystone	94	Winthrop...	Sibley	269
South St. Paul	Mizpah	191	Wood Lake....	Florence	216
Springfield...	Zenith	200	Worthington..	Fraternity	101
Spring Valley.	Spring Valley... 58		Young America	Humboldt	132
Staples.....	Crescent	207	Zumbrota....	Harmon	41

In Memoriam.

Alphonso Barto,

Past Grand Master of Masons
of
Minnesota.

Born May 27, 1834.

Died November 4, 1899.

Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota. Office of the Grand Master.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Several
Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction and the Craft at Large,*

BRETHREN: With the deepest sorrow I announce that death has again entered the circle of our Past Grand Masters and removed from our midst our beloved Most Worshipful Brother

Alphonso Barto,

who died at his home in St. Cloud, at 1:45 p. m., on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1899. Brother Barto was born in Hainesburg, Chittenden county, Vermont, May 27, 1834, his ancestors being French on his father's side and English on his mother's. He worked on his father's farm in boyhood, finished his education at a select school at Vergennes, and, commencing at fifteen, taught school for six winters.

In 1855, with his young wife, he came West to Elgin, Ill., and after farming awhile read law at Geneva. He enlisted August, 1862, as a private in Company K, 52d Illinois Infantry, and after successive promotions became captain, serving until Oct. 25, 1865. He participated in sixteen or more engagements, fortunately escaping unhurt. On returning to Elgin he was elected treasurer of Kane county, and served two years. In December, 1869, he settled at Sauk Center, Minn., where he resided for many years, engaged in the practice of law.

In 1890 he was appointed register of the land office at St. Cloud, where he has since resided. In 1872 and 1873 he represented his district in the legislature, and in the fall of 1873 was elected lieutenant governor of the state, presiding with dignity over the senate during the term of Gov. C. K. Davis.

He was an ardent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, rising to the rank of department commander in 1889.

He was also a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

For years he was a trustee of the hospitals for the insane and the Soldiers' Home, and at the time of his death was regent of the state university.

In 1894 he presided over the Republican state convention, and for many years was an active politician. In local matters he was very prominent, filling many positions of trust and responsibility.

He married Miss Harriet E. Hitchcock of Shoreham, Vt., Oct. 13, 1854. She died Oct. 11, 1865. Only one of her three children survive, Lyman R. Barto, a prominent attorney of Sauk Center. On the 17th of October, 1866, he married Miss Lottie A. Allen of Elgin, Ill. One son was born, William Allen Barto, also in business at Sauk Center.

Brother Barto was an enthusiastic Mason. He was brought to masonic light in Geneva Lodge, No. 139, Illinois,

Nov. 6, 1861, passed November 11th and raised November 16th. His membership was transferred to Elgin Lodge, No. 117, June 11, 1865, and April 29, 1871, to Star in the West Lodge, No. 60, at Sauk Center, and again Jan. 11, 1897, to North Star, No. 23, St. Cloud.

He was elected Junior Warden of our Grand Lodge in 1886, Senior Grand Warden in 1887 and 1888, Deputy Grand Master in 1889 and 1890, and Grand Master in 1891 and 1892, and has been a regular attendant ever since, always enlivening the proceedings by his genialty and good humor.

He was exalted in Fox River Chapter, No. 14, Illinois, Feb. 3, 1866, and became a member of Loyal L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, of Elgin, Ill., Oct. 5, 1866, and, it is said, mortgaged his home in order to provide the money necessary to start this chapter. He was a charter member of Sauk Center Chapter, No. 49, organized in 1886. He also was a Royal and Select Master.

He was knighted in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, Illinois, Jan. 2, 1867; joined Bethel, No. 19, Morris, Minn., Jan. 9, 1888; was a charter member of Nazarine, No. 24, at its organization May 13, 1892, and in 1897 was elected Eminent Commander. He was also an honored member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, and in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite had attained the thirty-second degree.

"During the public career of our departed brother there never has been a suspicion of corruption or malfeasance of any sort breathed against him even by his fiercest political enemies, and he has filled every position, great and small, with fidelity and zeal. His unbounded good will went out to all, high or low, rich or poor, without reserve and without distinction. He was a model husband and father, a true friend, a kind neighbor, a good citizen, an honest man, and the richest legacy he leaves to his wife and children is an unsullied name."

His remains, accompanied by North Star Lodge, No. 23, escorted by the local Grand Army Post, were taken to the train at St. Cloud, thence to Sauk Center, where, in Grand Army hall, a beautiful eulogy was pronounced by Dr. J. H. Dewart of Minneapolis, a warm personal friend, then, accompanied by his old lodge, Star in the West, No. 60, and an escort of Knights Templar, the Grand Lodge officers took charge, and in the use of the masonic burial service, consigned his mortal remains to the tomb, there to rest until the resurrection morn. A profusion of choice flowers, including a dozen set pieces from various societies, bore testimony to the love and esteem in which our brother was held by his sorrowing friends.

To his bereaved family and friends we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Let this memorial be read in every lodge in this jurisdiction at the first stated communication after its receipt.

ALONZO T. STEBBINS,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.



In Memory of
Stiles Raymond

one of the
Custodians of the Work.

BORN IN STAMFORD, CONN., IN 1842.
DIED IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 17, 1899.

In Memory of

the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

Robert C. Jordan,

Past Grand Master, Nebraska. Died Jan. 9, 1899.

Charles C. Kiefer,

Past Grand Master, Ohio. Died March 12, 1899.

Geo. E. Wyman,

Past Grand Master, Colorado. Died March 6, 1899.

Lewis Johnstone,

Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia. Died Feb. 1, 1899.

Geo. M. Strand,

Past Grand Master, Oregon. Died April 14, 1899.

Wm. R. Bowen,

Grand Secretary, Nebraska. Died May 6, 1899.

Byron L. Carr,

Past Grand Master, Colorado. Died April 22, 1899.

Edward f. Mahon,

Past Deputy Grand Master, N. Scotia. Died March 8, 1899.

Alex. M. Evans,

Past Grand Master, West Virginia. Died Oct. 16, 1899.

John J. Sumpter,

Past Grand Master, Arkansas. Died June 22, 1899.

Dwight Phelps,

Past Grand Master, Connecticut. Died Sept. 6, 1899.

John S. Cross,

Past Grand Master, Michigan. Died Sept. 18, 1899.

Christian Hartman,

Grand Treasurer, Nebraska. Died Sept. 28, 1899.

James H. Welsh,

Past Grand Master, Connecticut. Died Dec. 16, 1899.

MORTUARY ROLL.

LODGE.		NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.
St. Johns,	No. 1	Wm. J. Stein.....	July 30, 1899
St. Johns,	No. 1	Fred Scott.....	Oct. 6, 1899
St. Johns,	No. 1	John Daniels.....	Oct. 16, 1899
St. Johns,	No. 1	John M. Nelson.....	May 18, 1899
Cataract,	No. 2	Frederick Farrington..	April 13, 1899
Cataract,	No. 2	E. S. Brown.....	July 10, 1899
Cataract,	No. 2	F. R. Hill.....	July 25, 1899
Cataract,	No. 2	Stiles Raymond.....	Aug. 17, 1899
St. Paul,	No. 3	Joseph W. Morgan....	April 9, 1899
St. Paul,	No. 3	O. Warner.....	Aug. 3, 1899
St. Paul,	No. 3	George Barthell.....	Oct. 8, 1899
St. Paul,	No. 3	Edward Janish.....	Sept. 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	C. W. Putnam.....	Feb. 16, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	E. C. Babb.....	Mar. 10, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	J. S. Plomteaux.....	April 7, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	Armstrong Taylor....	July 12, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	Charles A. Pillsbury..	Sept. 17, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	Edward Martin.....	Sept. 23, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	Alonzo M. Jones.....	Sept. 25, 1899
Hennepin,	No. 4	Joseph J. Getchell....	Dec. 20, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	John A. Sabin.....	Jan. 6, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Chas. H. Finehout....	Feb. 2, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	John F. Benezet.....	Mar. 4, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Richard Cook.....	April 21, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	H. A. Subelia.....	May 5, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Silas W. Clark.....	June 25, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Thomas Pringle.....	June 26, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Delos A. Monfort....	Aug. 26, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Archibald Johnson....	Oct. 3, 1899
Ancient Landm'k,	No. 5	Wm. Jennings.....	Oct. 22, 1899
Dakota,	No. 7	V. G. Larson.....	Jan. 10, 1899
Dakota,	No. 7	Nulan M. Chase.....	May 7, 1899
Red Wing	No. 8	E. W. Brooks.....	Dec. 31, 1898
Red Wing	No. 8	John D. Kellogg.....	Aug. 12, 1899
Wapahasa,	No. 14	F. J. Collier.....	April 6, 1899
Wapahasa,	No. 14	Alex. Thairs.....	April 27, 1899
Wapahasa,	No. 14	John Schermuly.....	July 12, 1899

LODGE.		NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.
Wapahasa,	No. 14	C. L. Chamberlain....	July 20, 1899
Wapahasa,	No. 14	C. R. Read.....	Oct. 5, 1899
Monticello,	No. 16	John R. Longfellow...	Dec. 19, 1899
Hokah,	No. 17	Richard M. Clements.	July 1, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	John T. West.....	Mar. 13, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	Horatio L. Breeman..	Nov. 22, 1898
Minneapolis,	No. 19	Lawrence Lyng.....	Nov. 25, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	Richard H. Broat....	May 26, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	George A. Hendricks.	Sept. 25, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	Joseph Sunlin.....	Jan. 18, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	David Greer.....	Sept. 18, 1899
Minneapolis,	No. 19	C. B. Tirrell, Jr.....	Nov. 16, 1898
Caledonia,	No. 20	Con Metcalf.....	Jan. 28, 1899
Rochester,	No. 21	G. W. Pepper.....	Jan. 16, 1899
Rochester,	No. 21	D. C. Miller.....	..... 1899
Rochester,	No. 21	F. L. V. Mount.....	October, 1899
Rochester,	No. 21	Hector Galloway.....	Unknown.
North Star,	No. 23	James Beggerstaff....	Mar. 23, 1899
North Star,	No. 23	Alphonso Barto.....	Nov. 4, 1899
Western Star,	No. 26	William E. Todd.....	Nov. 11, 1899
Blue Earth Val'y,	No. 27	Josiah F. Winship....	Aug. 15, 1899
Blue Earth Val'y,	No. 27	David H. Morse.....	Aug. 17, 1899
Clearwater,	No. 28	Chas. M. Blake.....	Jan. 3, 1899
Morning Star,	No. 29	Wm. Armstrong.....	May 27, 1898
Anoka,	No. 30	Robt. J. Thompson...	Jan. 13, 1899
Anoka,	No. 30	Albert F. Baker.....	Oct. 8, 1899
Anoka,	No. 30	Milton D. Lappam....	Dec. 4, 1899
Anoka,	No. 30	John C. Smith.....	Dec. 26, 1899
King Hiram,	No. 31	Frederick Eisenhart...	Nov. 18, 1899
Star in the East,	No. 33	Daniel Lindersmith...	May 14, 1899
Star in the East,	No. 33	H. H. Rosebrock.....	Jan. 3, 1899
Oriental,	No. 34	August E. Engstrom..	Oct. 12, 1899
Mount Moriah,	No. 35	Wm. Lucas.....	May 20, 1899
Mount Moriah,	No. 35	Ezekiel Harrison.....	Nov. 7, 1899
Preston,	No. 36	J. B. Jaquish.....	April 2, 1899
Mystic Tie,	No. 37	Samuel D. Townsend.	Mar. 13, 1899
Fidelity,	No. 39	Wm. Serle.....	July 4, 1899
Fidelity,	No. 39	Ebenezer Ward.....	Oct. 7, 1899
Fidelity,	No. 39	O. J. Bemis.....	Mar. 27, 1899
Hermon,	No. 41	Wm. B. Williams....	Sept. 19, 1899
Hermon,	No. 41	Milton W. Chandler..	Sept. 11, 1899

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Hermon,	No. 41	John R. Rust.....	Sept. 11, 1899
Hermon,	No. 41	Edward A. Bigelow...	April 6, 1899
Hermon,	No. 41	Michael Layng.....	June 14, 1899
Hope,	No. 42	Daniel W. Johns.....	Jan. 19, 1899
Hope,	No. 42	Lewis H. Child.....	July 3, 1899
Union,	No. 45	Thos. M. Raney.....	Jan. 25, 1899
Union,	No. 45	August Truman.....	Nov. 3, 1899
Union,	No. 45	Lorenzo Curtis.....	Mar. 17, 1899
Social,	No. 48	C. B. Bullock.....	Dec. 22, 1899
Rising Sun,	No. 49	H. C. Parrott.....	Mar. 23, 1899
Rising Sun,	No. 49	Jacob F. Remore.....	Sept. 17, 1899
Watertown,	No. 50	Fred Luders.....	Jan. 16, 1899
Cannon River,	No. 52	Henry Platt.....	Jan. 9, 1899
Nicollet,	No. 54	Chas. E. Joern.....	April 22, 1899
Nicollet,	No. 54	J. B. Sackett.....	April 25, 1899
Nicollet,	No. 54	Wm. H. Pierce.....	May 7, 1899
Meridian,	No. 56	Melvin H. Bibbins....	Feb. 1, 1899
Meridian,	No. 56	Cassius L. Case.....	Mar. 6, 1899
Meridian,	No. 56	Jerome Case.....	April 10, 1899
Blue Earth City,	No. 57	F. D. Newhous.....	Dec. 19, 1899
Spring Valley,	No. 58	T. R. Mears.....	Aug. 25, 1899
Temple,	No. 59	James V. V. Lewis....	May 23, 1899
Star in the East,	No. 60	Stephen A. Kells.....	Dec. 3, 1899
Ashlar,	No. 61	Chester Gates.....	April 2, 1899
Illustrious,	No. 63	John G. Patton.....	June 12, 1899
Illustrious,	No. 63	Clark Champine.....	Nov. 30, 1899
Golden Rule,	No. 65	John W. Boxell.....	Mar. 1, 1899
Paynesville,	No. 71	Chas. W. Ferree.....	March, 1899
Paynesville,	No. 71	Robt. M. Given.....	1899
Brownsville,	No. 73	Chas. David See.....	Mar. 23, 1899
Eureka,	No. 75	Mortimer E. Frisbee..	May 2, 1899
Joppa,	No. 76	Chas. D. Palmer.....	April 9, 1899
Tuscan,	No. 77	Geo. R. Buckman.....	April 17, 1899
Palestine,	No. 79	Theodore Macey.....	April 18, 1899
Howard,	No. 82	Chas. Goodsell.....	April 22, 1899
Howard,	No. 82	Timothy Bluck.....	Feb. 5, 1899
Doric,	No. 87	C. K. Baxter.....	Feb. 10, 1899
Keystone,	No. 94	Geo. W. Irvin.....	April 15, 1899
Libanus,	No. 96	S. J. Aldrit.....	Aug. 18, 1899
Libanus,	No. 96	A. K. Peck.....	Nov. 30, 1899
Prudence,	No. 97	W. H. Benbow.....	May 27, 1899

LODGE.		NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.
Prudence,	No. 97	John H. Tilford.....	Sept. 6, 1899
Corner Stone,	No. 99	Geo. W. Cobb.....	March, 1899
Corner Stone,	No. 99	Scott T. Stewart.....	July 1, 1899
Aurora,	No. 100	Albert Coventry.....	July 20, 1899
Aurora,	No. 100	Geo. S. McPherson...	Dec. 6, 1899
Fraternity,	No. 101	Abe Lincoln Johnson.	Jan. 22, 1899
Bethel,	No. 103	Richard F. Davis.....	Nov. 30, 1898
Relief,	No. 108	Lucius T. Daggett....	April 21, 1899
Sunset,	No. 109	Jacob Ostrander.....	Jan. 3, 1899
Sunset,	No. 109	Thos. Otto.....	Jan. 23, 1899
Carver,	No. 111	Wm. A. Griffin.....	Dec. 22, 1899
Khurum,	No. 112	J. H. Atty.....	Feb. 27, 1899
Khurum,	No. 112	Chas. T. Jerome.....	April 20, 1899
Khurum,	No. 112	Chas. M. Foote.....	July 16, 1899
Khurum,	No. 112	J. La Grange.....	Oct. 22, 1899
Khurum,	No. 112	Geo. L. Cadwell.....	Nov. 5, 1899
Khurum,	No. 112	Geo. H. Thomas.....	Nov. 29, 1899
Excelsior,	No. 113	Ansel P. Lyman.....	Nov. 2, 1899
Excelsior,	No. 113	Henry R. Eddy.....	Dec. 14, 1899
Elgin,	No. 115	H. G. Richardson....	Oct. 11, 1899
La Fayette,	No. 116	E. J. Stimson.....	Feb. 4, 1899
Granite,	No. 117	Jacob S. Pound.....	April 6, 1899
Granite,	No. 117	R. H. Baldwin.....	Sept. 29, 1899
Granite,	No. 117	David G. Yeomans....	Oct. 3, 1899
Janesville,	No. 124	Ozias P. Smith.....	April 19, 1899
Janesville,	No. 124	Adna Carpenter.....	June 27, 1899
Josephus,	No. 128	Wm. McQueen.....	Dec. 25, 1899
Cokato,	No. 134	Augustus P. Mooers..	Sept. 19, 1899
Cokato,	No. 134	Benjamin Lee.....	Dec. 15, 1899
Nelson,	No. 135	Rosolvo O. Cady.....	April 25, 1899
Nelson,	No. 135	Alcenus Y. Eaton....	Oct. 8, 1899
Appleton,	No. 137	Lewis B. Tadsen.....	Mar. 25, 1899
Appleton,	No. 137	Harlan P. Allen.....	Dec. 28, 1899
Little Falls,	No. 140	J. M. Quimby.....	July 31, 1899
Crookston,	No. 141	Jas. A. Bemis.....	Nov. 1899
Crookston,	No. 141	Nels J. Larson.....	Mar. 23, 1899
Quarry,	No. 148	Julius C. Goodnow....	May 8, 1899
Warren,	No. 150	Manton A. Champion..	May 5, 1899
Chaska,	No. 151	Edwin A. Taylor.....	June 6, 1899
Tracy,	No. 155	C. B. Peck.....	Oct. 2, 1899
Sincerity,	No. 161	Silas W. Rice.....	Mar. 25, 1899

LODGE.		NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	
Prescott,	No. 162	Ezra W. Snyder.....	Jan.	3, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	C. M. Churchill.....	Aug.	7, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	Edward E. Scribner...	Sept.	27, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	Albert Wilson.....	July	28, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	John M. Armstrong...	May	20, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	Oscar B. Hillis.....	June	23, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	Sigmund H. Small....	Sept.	15, 1899
Summit,	No. 163	Geo. S. Ostram.....	Dec.	29, 1899
Minnehaha,	No. 165	D. T. Davies.....	Jan.	7, 1899
Shekinah,	No. 171	Wm. H. Burns.....	June	1, 1899
Plumb Line,	No. 173	Wm. J. Bullerant....	June	1, 1899
Ark,	No. 176	John P. Gurr.....	Mar.	10, 1899
Ark,	No. 176	Edward H. Johnston..	June	13, 1899
Ark,	No. 176	R. R. McCord.....	.....	1899
Ark,	No. 176	Harry L. Holmes....	Dec.	30, 1899
Osakis,	No. 180	Edwin M. Fairfield...	Dec.	6, 1899
Ionic,	No. 186	David J. Sinclair.....	Aug.	24, 1899
Triune,	No. 190	John C. Shandrew....	July	21, 1899
Triune,	No. 190	Sidney Lee Porter....	Dec.	9, 1899
Crow River,	No. 192	Martin Halvorson....	Nov.	5, 1899
Amboy,	No. 193	F. V. Lattin.....	Oct.	23, 1899
St. Elmo,	No. 204	Reuben Vining.....	Sept.	4, 1899
Columbian,	No. 210	John L. Cabot, Sr....	July	13, 1899
Friendship,	No. 211	P. Andrew Edlund....	Feb.	26, 1899
Argyle,	No. 215	Geo. Murray.....	Feb.	6, 1899
Florence,	No. 216	Wm. Hannah.....	July	6, 1899
Minnesota,	No. 224	Joseph C. Giere.....	July	16, 1899
Minnesota,	No. 224	Wm. C. Haveland....	Nov.	20, 1899

APPENDIX G.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that in accordance with a standing resolution of the Grand Lodge, I have divided the jurisdiction, and appointed District Deputy Grand Masters, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

ELMER C. YETTER (212), Hallock, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Crookston, No. 141.....Crookston	Hallock, No. 212.....Hallock
Warren, No. 150.....Warren	Argyle, No. 215.....Argyle
Norman, No. 154.....Ada	Bemidji, U. D.....Bemidji
Fosston, No. 206.....Fosston	

SECOND DISTRICT.

T. ALSTON NOTTAGE (106), Detroit, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Aurora, No. 100.....Brainerd	Perham, No. 157.....Perham
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....Detroit	Shell, No. 184.....Park Rapids
Verndale, No. 139.....Verndale	Crescent, No. 207.....Staples
Wadena, No. 156.....Wadena	Mystic, No. 218.....Aitkin

THIRD DISTRICT.

S. L. FRAZER (186), Duluth, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Palestine, No. 79.....Duluth	Vermillion, No. 197.....Tower
Dalles, No. 121.....Cloquet	Euclid, No. 198.....West Duluth
Ionic, No. 186.....Duluth	Itasca, No. 208.....Grand Rapids
Fortitude, No. 188.....Two Harbors	

FOURTH DISTRICT.

J. PIERCE WOLFE (126), Moorhead, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Corner Stone, No. 99.....	Fergus Falls	Pierson, No. 169.....	Barnesville
Moorhead, No. 126.....	Moorhead	Evansville, No. 214.....	Evansville
Frontier, No. 152.....	Breckenridge	Park Region, No. 227.....	Elbow Lake
Agate, No. 167.....	Campbell	Alpha, No. 230.....	Hendrum

FIFTH DISTRICT.

W. B. MITSON (81), Alexandria, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Star in the West, No. 60...	Sauk Center	Sincerity, No. 162.....	Villard
Constellation, No. 81.....	Alexandria	Valley, No. 174.....	Glenwood
Melrose, No. 145.....	Melrose	Osakis, No. 180.....	Osakis
Long Prairie, No. 159....	Long Prairie		

SIXTH DISTRICT.

A. L. CRAMB (23), St. Cloud, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Monticello, No. 16.....	Monticello	Unity, No. 93.....	Sauk Rapids
North Star, No. 23.....	St. Cloud	Little Falls, No. 140.....	Little Falls
Clear Water, No. 28.....	Clearwater	Anchor, No. 178.....	Royalton

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

A. A. CASWELL (92), Princeton, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Anoka, No. 30.....	Anoka	Mora, No. 223.....	Mora
Fraternal, No. 92.....	Princeton	Lincoln, No. 228.....	Millaca
Sherburne, No. 95.....	Elk River	Sandstone, U. D.....	Sandstone

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

THOS. H. WARREN (1), Stillwater, D.: D.: G.: M.:

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Stillwater	Jasper, No. 164.....	Rush City
Acacia, No. 51.....	Cottage Grove	Garnet, No. 166.....	White Bear
Zion, No. 55.....	Taylor's Falls	Chisago, No. 232.....	North Branch
Golden Rule, No. 65....	Lakeland		

NINTH DISTRICT.

H. K. KELLEY (182), Annandale, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Star, No. 62.....Rockford	Plumb Line, No. 173...Kimball Prairie
Paynesville, No. 71....New Paynesville	Fair Haven, No. 182.....Annandale
Nelson, No. 135.....Buffalo	Crow River, No. 192.....Belgrade

TENTH DISTRICT.

W. R. SMITH (129), Benson, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Sharon, No. 104.....Willmar	Prescott, No. 162.....Herman
Swift, No. 129.....Benson	Mt. Hermon, No. 219.....Hancock
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....Morris	

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

ISAAC VERVALÉN (218), Dassel, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Watertown, No. 50.....Watertown	Cokato, No. 184.....Cokato
Howard, No. 82.....Howard Lake	Orion, No. 138.....Atwater
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....Litchfield	Griswold, No. 218.....Dassel

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

WM. P. ROBERTS (4), Minneapolis, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Hennepin, No. 4.....Minneapolis	Excelsior, No. 113.....Excelsior
Minneapolis, No. 19.....Minneapolis	Wayzata, No. 205.....Wayzata
Khurum, No. 112.....Minneapolis	Minnesota, No. 224.....Minneapolis

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

W. A. ELLIOTT (176), Minneapolis, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Cataract, No. 2.....Minneapolis	Minnehaha, No. 165.....Minneapolis
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....Osseo	Ark, No. 176.....Minneapolis
Plymouth, No. 160.....Minneapolis	Arcana, No. 187.....Minneapolis

 TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

J. H. SPROUT (57), Blue Earth City, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Western Star, No. 26.....	Albert Lea	Doric, No. 87.....	Wells
Blue Earth Val'y, No. 27.....	Winnebago Cy	Good Faith, No. 90.....	Jackson
Blue Earth Cy., No. 57.....	Blue Earth City	King David, No. 179.....	Elmore
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	Fairmont	Magnolia, No. 231.....	Sherburn

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

H. O. DILLEY (48), Northfield, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Faribault, No. 9.....	Faribault	Cannon River, No. 52.....	Morristown
Sakatah, No. 32.....	Waterville	Corinthian, No. 67.....	Farmington
Oriental, No. 34.....	Cannon Falls	Elysian, No. 222.....	Elysian
Social, No. 48.....	Northfield		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

D. J. DODGE (124), Janesville, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Wilton, No. 24.....	Alma City	Tuscan, No. 77.....	Waseca
Star 'n the East, No. 33.....	Owatonna	Janesville, No. 124.....	Janesville

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

E. L. FORD (80), Mazeppa, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Red Wing, No. 8.....	Red Wing	Hermion, No. 41.....	Zumbrota
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	Wabasha	Tyrian, No. 86.....	Mazeppa
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	Pine Island	Kellogg, No. 122.....	Kellogg
Carnelian, No. 40.....	Lake City		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

JOHN HOLM (201), Kenyon, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Mantorville, No. 11.....	Mantorville	Huram Abi, No. 83.....	Kasson
Rochester, No. 21.....	Rochester	Relief, No. 108.....	Dodge Center
Washington, No. 38.....	West Concord	Kenyon, No. 201.....	Kenyon

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

GEORGE L. WOOD (61), Eyota, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Harmony, No. 43.....	Lewiston	Ashler, No. 61.....	Eyota
Evergreen, No. 46.....	Clyde	Illustrious, No. 63.....	Plainview
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	St. Charles	Elgin, No. 116.....	Elgin
Meridian, No. 56.....	Chatfield		

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

A. C. PAGE (39), Austin, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Fidelity, No. 39.....Austin	Prairie, No. 123.....Blooming Prairie
Lansing, No. 72.....Lansing	Alma, No. 131.....Lyle
Lafayette, No. 116.....Brownsdale	

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

GEO. L. PALMER (75) Le Roy, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Pleasant Grove, No. 21. Pleasant Grove	High Forest, No. 85.....High Forest
Spring Valley, No. 58....Spring Valley	Grand Meadow, No. 121. Grand Meadow
Eureka, No. 75.....Le Roy	Stewartville, No. 203.....Stewartville

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

K. W. BUELL (36), Preston, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Hokah, No. 17.....Hokah	Orient, No. 84.....Money Creek
Preston, No. 36.....Preston	Lebanon, No. 102.....Lanesboro
Mystic Star, No. 69.....Rushford	Canton, No. 194.....Canton
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....Houston	

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

ENOCH STOTT (12), Winona, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Winona, No. 12.....Winona	Brownsville, No. 73.....Brownsville
Caledonia, No. 20.....Caledonia	Pickwick, No. 110.....Pickwick
Morning Star, No. 29.....La Crescent	

And the said District Deputy Grand Masters are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this 30th day of January, A. D. 1900, A.: L.: 5900.

ALONZO BRANDENBURG,

Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX H.

GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES, 1900.

GRAND LODGE. (English Speaking.)	NAME OF GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	NAME OF GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	B. D. Williams.....	Oxford.....	H. C. Armstrong.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	Wm. F. Nichol.....	Willecox.....	G. J. Roskrugs.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	R. M. Smith.....	Hot Springs.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Brit. Columbia.....	R. E. Walker.....	New Westminster.....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Nelson.
California.....	C. L. Patton.....	San Francisco.....	Geo. Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	E. T. Malone.....	Toronto.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado.....	A. A. Burnand.....	Leadville.....	E. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	G. C. McNall.....	Greenwich.....	J. H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	W. V. Black, Jr.....	Laurel.....	B. F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Col.....	J. H. Small, Jr.....	Washington.....	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
England.....	Prince of Wales.....	London.....	Edw. Letchworth.....	London.
Florida.....	S. B. Wright.....	De Land.....	W. P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	W. A. Davis.....	Macon.....	W. A. Wohlhin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	J. C. Muerman.....	Moscow.....	T. W. Randall.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	C. F. Hitchcock.....	Peoria.....	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Wm. Geake.....	Fort Wayne.....	W. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Ter.....	P. B. Arthur.....	Leon.....	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Thos. Lambert.....	Sabula.....	T. S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn.....	Dublin.....	H. E. Flavell, dep.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	H. C. Loomis.....	Winfield.....	A. K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	J. A. Ramsey.....	Owingsville.....	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	A. C. Allen.....	Franklin.....	R. chard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	W. S. Choate.....	Augusta.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	John Leslie.....	Winnipeg.....	W. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	T. J. Shryock.....	Baltimore.....	J. H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	C. T. Gallagher.....	Boston.....	S. D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	P. T. Lodge.....	Detroit.....	J. S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	A. Brandenburg.....	Fergus Falls.....	Thos. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Wm. Starling.....	Greenville.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	C. H. Briggs.....	Fayette.....	J. D. Vincell.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	A. H. Barrett.....	Butte.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	W. W. Keyser.....	Omaha.....	F. E. White.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	J. M. McCormack.....	Reno.....	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson City.
New Brunswick.....	Thos. Walker.....	St. John.....	J. V. Hart.....	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	John McLane.....	Milford.....	G. P. Cleaves.....	C Concord.
New Jersey.....	J. E. Moore.....	Jersey City.....	T. H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	R. C. Stewart.....	Socorro.....	A. A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
N. South Wales.....	J. C. Remington.....	New York.....	A. H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New York.....	W. D. Pownall.....	New York.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
New Zealand.....	R. J. Seddon.....	Selma.....	Wm. Ronaldson.....	Christchurch.
North Carolina.....	R. J. Noble.....	Devils Lake.....	J. C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	J. A. Percival.....	Yarmouth.....	F. J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	T. B. Flint.....	Cleveland.....	William Ross.....	Hallfax.
Ohio.....	E. C. Gulliford.....	Pawnee.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	W. L. Eagleton.....	Portland.....	J. S. Hunt.....	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	H. M. Hodson.....	Philadelphia.....	J. F. Robinson.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	J. H. W. Williams.....	Charlottetown.....	W. A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia.
P. Edward Isl'd.....	J. A. Messervey.....	Montreal.....	N. MacKelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	B. Tooke.....	Providence.....	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	C. M. Van Slyck.....	Adelaide.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Lord Saltoun.....	Lancaster.....	D. M. Lyon.....	Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	S. J. May.....	Brookings.....	J. H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	B. J. Witherspoon.....	Paris.....	Chas. Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	W. H. Roddie.....	Bonham.....	G. A. Pettigrew.....	Flandreau.
Tasmania.....	C. E. Davies.....	Park City.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	J. H. Bullock.....	Underhill.....	J. B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	R. M. Lusk.....	Charlotteville.....	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	J. D. Murdock.....	Ft. Steilacoom.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	W. S. Nay.....	Wheeling.....	W. G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	Lord Brassey.....	Madison.....	John Brann.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	R. T. W. Duke.....	Newcastle.....	G. W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	W. M. Seeman.....		T. M. Read.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Joseph Hall.....		G. W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	C. E. Whelan.....		J. W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	E. P. Bowman.....		W. L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.

Fifty in the United States, three in Great Britain, seven in Canada and five in Australasia.

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES

To			FROM	
Name.	Residence.	State.	Name.	Residence.
B. F. Pope.....	Gadsden.....	Alabama.....	A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls.
Wm. Henry Gee.....	Dardanelle.....	Arizona.....	A. La Due.....	Mantorville....
Albert Kruger.....	Antwerp.....	Arkansas.....	Jas. F. Lawless....	Seattle, Wash.
C. E. Tiedall.....	Vancouver.....	Brit. Columbia..	R. H. Hartley.....	Minneapolis.
Samuel B. Hinkley..	Riverside.....	California.....	W. F. Dickinson....	Redwood Falls
A. A. Stevenson....	Montreal.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Stillwater.
Henry M. Teller....	Central City....	Colorado.....	T. Montgomery....	St. Paul.
Edmund Tweedy....	Danbury.....	Connecticut....	Chas. Griswold....	St. Paul.
Chas. C. King.....	Newark.....	Delaware.....	Henry R. Denny....	St. Paul.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington....	Dist. Columbia..	J. D. Markham....	Rush City.
J. W. Laurie, M. P..	Madison.....	England.....	Jas. F. Lawless....	Seattle, Wash.
Angus Paterson....	Bainbridge....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
John D. Harrell....	Genesee.....	Georgia.....	Wm. B. Patton....	Duluth.
Reese Pickering....	Evanston.....	Idaho.....	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
E. L. Stoker.....	Pendleton.....	Illinois.....	A. T. Stebbins....	Rochester.
C. W. Brownback..	Fort Gibson....	Indiana.....	Wm. S. Combs....	St. Paul.
F. H. Nash.....	Dublin.....	Indian Ter.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
Oliver Fry.....	Independence..	Ireland.....	T. Montgomery....	St. Paul.
John H. Spencer....	New Orleans....	Kansas.....	Calvin L. Brown....	Morris.
L. L. Shwartz.....	Ellsworth.....	Louisiana.....	Chas. W. Nash....	Minneapolis.
John B. Redman....	Winnipeg.....	Maine.....	John H. Randall....	Minneapolis.
Thos. W. Taylor....	Niles.....	Manitoba.....	H. C. Shepard.....	St. Paul.
John Woodruff....	Connersville..	Maryland.....	John H. Abbott....	Minneapolis.
W. R. Montgomery..	St. Louis.....	Michigan.....	A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls.
Howard Watson....	Helena.....	Mississippi....	Henry R. Wells....	Preston.
Wm. Brantly.....	Omaha.....	Missouri.....	J. F. Lawless....	Seattle, Wash.
W. W. Keyser.....	Battle Mount'n.	Montana.....	A. D. Countryman..	Appleton.
Edward T. George..	St. John.....	Nebraska.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
Thos. Walker, M. D.	Littletton....	Nevada.....	A. Marden.....	New Ulm.
A. S. Batchelor....	Long Branch..	N. Brunswick...	James N. Castle...	Stillwater.
Edwin Venable....	Santa Fe.....	N. Hampshire..	William Lee.....	Hastings.
Arthur Boyle.....	Jamaica.....	New Jersey....	J. H. Thompson....	Minneapolis.
John S. Denton....	Westport.....	New Mexico....	Chas. G. Hinds....	Shakopee.
Thos. A. Peterkin..	Windsor.....	New S. Wales...	H. M. Tusler.....	St. Paul.
F. D. Winston.....	Bismarck....	New York.....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
Wm. A. Bentley....	Digby.....	New Zealand...	H. J. Peck.....	Shakopee.
John Daley.....	Columbus....	North Carolina..	I. B. B. Sprague...	St. Paul.
Ralph R. Rickley..	Portland.....	North Dakota...	Henry R. Wells....	Preston.
G. L. Story.....	Montague....	Nova Scotia....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
John D. Bell.....	Sweetsburg....	Ohio.....	Wm. T. Rigby....	Clear Water.
John P. Noyes....	Central Falls.	Oregon.....	Gid. S. Ives.....	St. Peter.
J. E. Goldsworthy..	Edinburgh....	Pr. Edward Id..	A. T. Stebbins....	Rochester.
D. Murray Lyon....	Edinburgh....	Quebec.....	James N. Castle...	Stillwater.
Sam'l Henry Good..	Fort Mill.....	Rhode Island...	Henry R. Adams....	Minneapolis.
J. W. Ardrey.....	Aberdeen.....	Scotland.....	T. Montgomery....	St. Paul.
J. Q. A. Braden....	Salt Lake City.	S. Australia....	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
P. L. Williams....	Cambridge....	South Carolina..	Irving Todd.....	Hastings.
Edwin Wheelock....	Hollins.....	South Dakota...	Henry R. Wells....	Preston.
Or. E. Hinchliffe..	Middleway....	Tasmania.....	Wm. A. Elliott....	Minneapolis.
Wm. H. Pleasants..	Madison.....	Texas.....	Jacob A. Kiester...	B. Earth City.
Samuel D. Engle....		Utah.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
W. W. Perry.....		Vermont.....	Sam'l E. Adams....	Minneapolis.
		Victoria.....	Chas. N. Akers....	St. Paul.
		Virginia.....	Edgar Nash.....	Minneapolis.
		West Virginia..	Chas. L. West.....	Austin.
		Wisconsin.....	Geo. H. Davis.....	Mankato.

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APPENDIX K.

To the M. . W. . Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has received and examined the following grand lodge proceedings:

ALABAMA, 1898.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at Montgomery, Dec. 6th and 7th, M. . W. . J. A. Bilbro, Grand Master. Three hundred and ten lodges represented; three hundred and seventy-six on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; five charters forfeited and one restored. Membership eleven thousand, three hundred, and forty-five; loss twenty-three. Ministers of the gospel eight hundred and thirty-four; loss one. Receipts \$6,513.36.

The deaths of Bro. P. J. Pillans and Bro. H. C. Tompkins, past grand masters, were announced. The former had served seventeen years as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, being well known throughout the masonic world for the able and conservative reports continued up to his eighty-third year. He had been our representative near that grand lodge since 1887. Minnesota joins Alabama in paying tribute to the memory of her distinguished craftsman.

The following interesting paragraph is found in the annual address:

For the first time in the history of the grand lodge we meet around the altar in our own home. To this period we have anxiously looked for many years, and the fulfillment this evening of our long cherished hopes gives rise to the most pleasing emotions. Something over a

year ago we commenced its erection. At the last communication of the grand lodge we laid its corner stone with humble invocation to God that he would bless and protect the workmen in their labors, and assist them in the erection and completion of the building. And now that it is before us, a finished temple, we are ready with becoming reverence and gratitude to dedicate it to God's glory and the cause of masonry.

Among the reported decisions are found the following:

4. A master mason who has lost both his arms is not on that account excused from balloting on the petition of a candidate. He may ask any one present to assist him. Such assistant must in his presence, without noticing, take up ballots, until the one desired is selected and deposited in the box.

14. It is not necessary to carry the charter of the lodge to the grave when burying a brother with masonic honors.

17. One who has been suspended for unmasonic conduct and subsequently restored to the rights and privileges of masonry, but not to membership in the lodge, is not entitled to a masonic burial.

Nos. 4 and 14 are upon points which have never arisen in this jurisdiction. No. 17 is clearly wrong. There is no greater right or privilege than that of masonic burial, and if the brother had been restored his claims upon the fraternity are beyond question.

The committee on foreign correspondence submitted a special report upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in relation to negro masonry, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That all fraternal relations heretofore subsisting between this grand lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington be and they are hereby suspended until the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington shall have rescinded its resolutions recognizing negro masonry.

The proposed amendment to the constitution appropriating one-half of the per capita tax towards the home was defeated by a vote of fifty-three to two hundred and twenty. One hundred and six lodges did not vote upon the question, and their masters were cited to appear at the next annual communication and explain. As the grand secretary reports only \$66.60 receipts up to date the outlook is not very encouraging.

An invitation to the unveiling of the confederate monument was accepted, the grand lodge attending in a body; the venerable Bro. J. M. Brundidge, grand lecturer, who had missed but one annual communication in the past fifty-four years, was welcomed with well deserved honors; the temple was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies in the afternoon and again in the evening, the programme including addresses from prominent members of the different masonic rites; the grand secretary reported that twenty-five lodges had failed to make returns and forty-six to pay their annual dues; \$15,000 in bonds were authorized, at six per cent, to provide for the temple indebtedness; a resolution of thanks was tendered to Bro. H. C. Armstrong, grand secretary, for his personal services in connection with the new building; and a silver service was presented the retiring grand master.

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This resolution commands our approval. Some years since the Grand Lodge of Alabama set the seal of its disapproval on these masonic insurance schemes, by refusing to lend its sanction to them.

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cise of their ministerial functions. Hence, as it appears to us, we do not make the matter of fees paramount any more than do our brethren up in Minnesota.

This argument is based entirely on error. Minnesota lodges are forbidden to confer the degrees upon any one without charge to avoid partiality or favoritism. Alabama by its own showing has eight hundred and thirty-four members enrolled who never met their brethren upon the level. The principle involved is that of perfect equality, every candidate entering by the same door and under the same conditions.

Negro masonry is thus referred to, under the head of Illinois:

We do not essay a discussion of this topic, but merely remark that, with our northern brethren, the question is more theoretical than practical; with us here at the south it is more practical than theoretical. Masonry is essentially a social institution. Before the law of the land we recognize the negro as our equal in respect of civil and political rights, but we do not, cannot, and will not accord to him the privilege of companionship on terms of social equality. Nor would he seek this but for the dark practices of mischief making white men. Let him enjoy himself in clubs and lodges, but do not, in his behalf, ask us for recognition.

In the memoranda of representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near other grand lodges appears the name of Bro. R. A. Jones, of Minnesota, who died in 1888. The list evidently needs revision.

M.: W.: B. D. Williams, Oxford, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. Y. Titcomb, Anniston, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1898.

The seventeenth annual communication was held at Globe, Nov. 15th, 16th, and 17th, M.: W.: J. B. Creamer, Grand Master. Eleven lodges represented; fourteen on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

Membership seven hundred and one; gain eighty-three. Receipts \$1,191.50.

A lengthy, grandiloquent address was delivered by Bro. C. D. Belden, grand orator; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; action with reference to the Grand Lodge of Washington was not deemed necessary; Tucson was selected as the permanent meeting place of the grand lodge; and a proposition to pay one-half mileage to representatives in attendance was deferred until next year.

The committee on correspondence concludes its report on negro masonry with the following suggestive paragraph:

A desire for notoriety, rather than a desire to right a wrong, is probably the cause of this cloud occasionally obscuring the masonic horizon.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: A. A. Johns, Prescott, Grand Master; V.: W.: G. J. Roskrue, Tucson, reëlected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1898.

The fifty-ninth annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 15th and 16th, M.: W.: J. B. Baker, Grand Master. Three hundred and sixty-three lodges represented; four hundred and forty-one on the roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter withdrawn. Membership twelve thousand, five hundred, and twenty-two; loss one hundred and fifty-six. Receipts \$7,889.50.

Among the approved decisions is the following:

II. Has a lodge the right to rent its lower rooms for a pool or billiard hall? No. While a lodge has the right to rent its spare rooms, yet it is contrary to the tenets of masonry to rent them for immoral or intemperate uses.

A telegram of sympathy was ordered forwarded to Bro. G. A. Dannelly, past grand master, in his illness, together with a collection of \$52; committees were appointed to visit the state institutions; two scholarships donated by Ouachita College at Arkadelphia were accepted with thanks, to be award-

ed by vote of the subordinate lodges; a constitutional amendment was adopted abolishing the offices of grand marshal, senior and junior grand steward, and grand pursuivant; charters were granted to the six lodges under dispensation; an informal reception was tendered to Miss Maud Williams, their college ward; a committee of twenty-four was appointed to represent the grand lodge at the Washington memorial; the National Grand Lodge of Sweden was recognized; the special report of the committee on foreign correspondence as to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on negro masonry was adopted, as noted in our report of last year; a very able and carefully prepared historical address was delivered by Bro. E. E. Bryant, grand orator; an amendment to the constitution was adopted providing for biennial sessions during the coming six years, on account of the temple debt; the number of district deputy grand masters was reduced to ten; permission to use the grand lodge hall was granted to the Order of Eastern Star; the cases of two intoxicated delegates were referred to their respective lodges for discipline; the reports on foreign correspondence were discontinued for financial reasons; the price of their 1889 digests was reduced to twenty-five cents; and it was provided that the committee on masonic law shall hereafter consist of all the living past grand masters in good standing, three to constitute a quorum.

Bro. S. H. Davidson prepared another of his interesting reports on foreign correspondence, from which the following paragraphs are taken:

Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator, delivered an address that will bear a close reading, investigation, and study. * * * His style of treating the subject and the matter contained in the address make it quite entertaining.

The report on foreign correspondence is again the work of Bro. Irving Todd. Without preface or conclusion he proceeds to condense the proceedings of fifty-seven grand jurisdictions, several of them for two years, into just ninety-seven pages. The review contains a good write-up of the proceedings of our fifty-seventh annual communication, Nov. 17th and 18th, 1896. He agrees with Arkansas as to the manner of wearing the apron in the fellow craft degree. The Minnesota method is to wear it in the master's degree as we do in the fellow craft. He says Minnesota is wrong, and we think Bro. Todd and Arkansas are right.

M.: W.: R. M. Smith, Hot Springs, Grand Master; R.: W.: Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Frank Hill, Little Rock, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1899.

The twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Kamloops, June 22d and 23d, M.: W.: David Wilson, Grand Master. Twenty-two lodges represented; twenty-four on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen hundred and thirty-nine; gain three hundred. Receipts \$2,-394.

The action of the grand master in continuing friendly intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was approved; great prudence and caution were recommended in at all dealing with the question of negro masonry; constitutional amendments were adopted requiring every brother to prove his proficiency in the master mason degree as soon as possible after it had been conferred, providing for certificates of registration, and changing the date of the annual meeting to the first Thursday in May; divine service was attended in a body, with a sermon by the grand chaplain; and a committee was named to unify the Canadian work.

The report on foreign correspondence was again submitted by Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, a document of very great merit. The following extracts are taken from the fraternal review of Minnesota:

An excellent oration by Bro. H. R. Adams, the subject being Love, was one of the features of the communication, and deservedly preserved in the appendix.

Bro. Irving Todd again contributes a most interesting report on foreign correspondence. He reviews in his usual felicitous manner the doings of fifty-six grand lodges, including British Columbia for 1898. Bro. Todd is an adept in the art of condensing, a faculty which we envy him.

Bound with the proceedings is a report of the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, introduced by an excellent portrait of G. R. Metcalf, the president.

Under the head of California he pointedly observes:

How the Gran Dieta can be the *only* grand body when it is, as they say, composed of the state grand lodges, we do not quite see.

M.: W.: R. E. Walker, New Westminster, Grand Master; V.: W.: W. J. Quinlan, Nelson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, New Westminster, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1898.

The forty-ninth annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 11th to 15th, M.: W.: Thomas Flint, jr., Grand Master. Two hundred and fifty-two lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-four on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge; two lodges consolidated. Membership nineteen thousand, five hundred, and forty-two; gain seven hundred and thirty-four. Receipts \$27,005.40.

The deaths of Bro. James Oglesby, grand tyler since 1864, and Bro. George Lord, made a mason in 1828, were announced.

The grand secretary submitted a report from a committee of ladies belonging to the Eastern Star, detailing the good work done among the soldiers at Camp Merritt. Permanent masonic headquarters have been maintained there since the beginning of the war, affording every possible attention to the boys in blue in the style peculiarly characteristic of California. No other jurisdiction has its grand opportunities of dispensing relief, and no other jurisdiction performs the duty with more systematic thoroughness.

The reports of the boards of relief show that San Francisco expended \$10,958.35; Los Angeles, \$3,766; Oakland, \$1,893.67; San Diego, \$591; Sacramento, \$1,294.50; Stockton, \$404.40. There were three cases from Minnesota at \$232.25, of which Chain Lake Lodge No. 64 has refunded \$10 and Summit Lodge No. 163 \$92. Bro. K. P. Cullen, of St. Paul Lodge No. 3, was buried with masonic honors at Los Angeles Jan. 23d.

The grand master was presented with a beautiful jewel; the masonic home at Decoto was dedicated in ample form, with an oration by Bro. Jacob Voorsanger, the remaining member of the original board; two cases of lodge consolidation were authorized, in one of which the number of the junior lodge was retained, necessitating a new charter, and dropping it to the foot of the entire list; the Gran Dieta of Mexico was recognized; an eloquent address was delivered by Bro. E. S. Lippitt, grand orator; the cost of the home, without furnishing, was reported at \$123,550, with room for eighteen men, twenty-five women, and about one hundred children, in addition to the attendants; the annual appropriation of \$480 to Bro. J. A. Tutt, past grand master, was continued; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; the committee on jurisprudence held that a life member of a defunct lodge was a dimitted mason, his special contract having expired with the lodge; the refusal of the grand master to issue dispensations for army lodges was approved; \$7,000 was appropriated for the furnishing of the home, and a special per capita tax of \$1 per annum levied for its support; no further allowances are to be made to boards of relief granting regular stipends to masons from jurisdictions where no attention is paid to reimbursement; the thanks of the grand lodge were extended to the noble women and to the board of trustees for their successful efforts towards the home; the pay of members was fixed at railroad or stage fare and berth in sleeper; and memorial pages were inserted for fifty-nine deceased past masters.

Bro. W. A. Davies was not recorded present, but sent in his usual fraternal and readable report on correspondence. The following paragraphs are reproduced from under the head of Minnesota:

This number of the journal contains the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, it being the sixth annual reunion. The proceedings make a one hundred page appendix, full of reminiscences of pioneer masons when the sites of St. Paul and Minneapolis were a wilderness of brush and oak openings, in connection with the pioneer lodges of the west. A portrait of Judge A.

G. Chatfield, first master of Landmark Lodge, with an illustrated view of the building in which the lodge room of Ancient Landmark Lodge was located, adds to the interest of the historic relic.

Our W. Bro. Irving Todd presents the report on correspondence, in which he reviews the doings of fifty-nine grand bodies in an impartial and convincing manner. In reviewing he keeps always in mind ancient usage, and is jealous of innovation in any form or under any pretense.

M. W. F. M. Angellotti, San Rafael, Grand Master; V. W. George Johnson, San Francisco, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. Davies, Iowa Hill, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

1899.

Your committee is indebted to Bro. George Johnson, grand secretary, for proof sheets of the report of the jurisprudence committee on negro masonry, which was adopted, together with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this grand lodge endorses the action of our M. W. Grand Master in the communication sent by him to the M. W. Grand Master of Washington, and we hereby reaffirm our adhesion to the so-called "American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction;" that we hold as clandestine all so-called masonic lodges found within the boundary of this state which did not receive their charters or dispensations from this grand lodge.

Resolved, That it is the settled masonic law of this jurisdiction that all American masonic lodges must receive their charters or dispensations from American masonic jurisdictions, and not from any foreign jurisdiction.

Resolved, That we trust our masonic brethren in the state of Washington will join with us in maintaining the masonic principles as herein expressed, to the end that masonic territorial jurisdiction may be maintained in each state, and the order may be unified and strengthened in all parts of this great republic.

CANADA, 1899.

The forty-fourth annual communication was held at Ottawa, July 19th and 20th, M. W. E. T. Malone, Grand Mas-

ter. Two hundred and ninety-seven lodges represented; three hundred and sixty-one on the roll. Eight past grand masters present, our representative included.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty-five thousand and eighty-four; gain one thousand and eighty-eight. Receipts \$21,040,92.

The portraits are of five past grand masters.

The following appears among the approved decisions:

4. I decided that the word freeborn in our ceremonies does not exclude illegitimate persons; that the expression should be confined to slaves, as the benefits of freemasonry were not intended to be extended to those who were so shackled as to be unable to exercise freedom and independence.

A number of grand and past grand officers from neighboring provinces were received as visitors; charters were granted to the two lodges under dispensation; three gavels from Jerusalem were presented by a brother; the grand master and grand secretary were named as delegates to the Washington memorial, at the expense of the grand lodge; Bro. J. J. Mason was heartily congratulated on the completion of twenty-five years of faithful service as grand secretary; and a committee was appointed to consider a proposal to establish a cottage at the Gravenhurst Sanitarium from asylum funds.

Bro. Henry Robertson submitted his accustomed report on foreign correspondence, with a brief notice of Minnesota. He says:

The report on correspondence by Bro. Irving Todd is a model of condensation. Canada for 1897 and 1898 receives due attention.

M.: W.: E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on foreign correspondence.

COLORADO, 1899.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 19th and 20th, M.: W.: H. T. De Long, Grand

Master. Eighty-nine lodges represented; ninety-one on the roll. Eighteen past grand masters present, our representative included.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership seven thousand, nine hundred, and seventy-four; gain three hundred and sixty-nine. Receipts \$8,526.92.

The deaths of Bro. O. H. Henry, Bro. G. E. Wyman, and Bro. B. L. Carr, past grand masters, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master elect and two past grand masters.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. Laying a corner stone is not proper masonic work for the Sabbath day. No lodge should be convened on Sunday except for the purpose of attending divine service or of conducting a masonic funeral.

5. All examinations must be held at regular communications, that being the intent of the words open lodge in by-law number seventy-five.

17. Every communication of a lodge under dispensation is a communication at which any business may be transacted which does not conflict with the laws, edicts, and decisions of the grand lodge.

18. The inspection of the ballot box by the senior and junior wardens prior to the casting of the ballot is very desirable, but not essential to the validity of the ballot.

No. 5 is not in accordance with our practice. A lodge may be opened at any time for the examination of a candidate preliminary to advancement. When a lodge is declared open by the master it is open for the transaction of any business that may properly come before it.

The annual visitation was made to Bro. A. A. Treat, who had passed his one hundred and second birthday; Bro. J. R. Kilian, grand orator, delivered a very flowery address on masonic ideals; the committee on the Washington memorial submitted its final report, accompanied by a subscription of \$10 each from one hundred brethren; the committee on jurisprudence reported adversely upon the recommendation for a uniform code of by-laws; a plan for the consolidation of lodges was adopted; the by-laws were amended requiring a lapse of

six months before a petition may again be received; portraits of the grand master and one or more past grand masters were ordered printed in the annual proceedings; three custodians of the work were provided for; three charters were granted and two dispensations continued; an appropriation was made for the expenses of the committee at the Washington memorial; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf presented his accustomed report on correspondence, a carefully prepared and interesting paper, with the following references to Minnesota:

In the report of the grand secretary we note a form of blank report to be filled out by district deputies, in which are forty-eight questions, covering all matters of vital importance. Heretofore these reports were quite meagre as to information, but with these aids the gray matter of the brain of the average district deputy ought never to coagulate.

Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator, delivered an eloquent oration, taking for his theme the inspiring one of Love. Among the poetical quotations interspersed we note two stanzas from our poem, *Bearing the Sheaves*.

Bro. Irving Todd, as usual, furnished a most interesting and readable report on correspondence, Colorado for 1898 receiving a courteous review. Bro. T. is experienced in the use of the condenser. Within the limits of a page and a half are given a brief glance at Grand Master Tucker's address and the salient features of the session.

Under the head of Illinois he says:

It seems to us, in view of the fact that recognition is being accorded by our American grand lodges to quite a number of these foreign grand bodies, deemed by Bro. R. and the Grand Lodge of Illinois to be without authority or with quasi authority, that some common agreement should be arrived at as speedily as possible to avoid future complications. As the matter now stands, American masonry is being involved in a hopeless tangle. For instance, a foreign brother upon arriving in New York City is warmly greeted as such, the grand body from which he hails being recognized in that jurisdiction, but upon reaching Chicago he is given the icy stare and told the sooner he covers the distance between the fourteenth story of their temple and the pavement below the better. Without entering into any argument pro or con, we leave the subject for the careful consideration of the writers of the guild and all masons who are interested in the realization of the Lodge Universal among all peoples and in all lands.

M.: W.: A. A. Burnand, Leadville, Grand Master ; R.: W.: E. C. Parmelee, Denver, reëlected Grand Secretary ; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, Denver, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1899.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held at New Haven, Jan. 18th and 19th, M.: W.: F. W. Havens, Grand Master. The one hundred and nine lodges all represented. Eleven past grand masters present ; our representative absent.

Membership seventeen thousand, two hundred, and thirty-two ; gain one hundred and eighty-three. Receipts \$12,525.

The portrait is that of the grand master, and there is also a cut of the grand secretary's office with the efficient Bro. Barlow at his post of duty.

Among the three approved decisions is found the following :

1. A dimit cannot be granted to a chaplain, or any officer under the by-laws, during his term of office.

The salary of the grand secretary was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500, a well earned compliment ; the per capita tax was continued at \$1 ; the edict of the grand master restoring fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was approved ; the matter of the Washington memorial was referred to the incoming grand master, with power to act ; and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the Grand Orient of Belgium were recognized.

In the report on masonic correspondence the grand secretary fraternally writes of Minnesota as follows :

An interesting oration was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. R. C. Hine, but we could not do it justice without copying it entire, which space will not allow.

The report on correspondence is as usual by Bro. Irving Todd, and is a careful review of fifty-nine grand lodges, Connecticut receiving brief, but favorable notice.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association are included in the pamphlet before us; the annual meeting of this veteran body, like ours in Connecticut, is largely devoted to social enjoyment, although at the present meeting many valuable historical papers were presented.

The reports of the home show forty-six inmates; expenses \$6,247.62.

M.: W.: G. G. McNall, Greenwich, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Barlow, Hartford, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as committee on correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1899.

The ninety-third annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 4th and 5th, M.: W.: J. H. Rile, Grand Master. Twenty-one lodges on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership two thousand, two hundred, and thirty-five; gain fifty-nine. Receipts \$1,368.20.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Referring to the alleged repeal of the Washington resolutions the address says:

The Grand Lodge of Washington met in annual communication, June 14th, 1899, and, probably realizing that her territory was in danger of being declared masonically unoccupied, adopted a committee report purporting to repeal the obnoxious resolutions passed one year before. Although indulging in a great deal of verbal juggling, and apparently withdrawing from their position, "convinced against their will they are of the same opinion still;" they stubbornly declare:

Nor can this grand lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her lodges do not possess the right to determine for themselves, but for no one else, subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be masons, who knock at her doors either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation.

This means that the Grand Lodge of Washington asserts the right of its subordinate lodges to receive by affiliation any one, black or white, professing to be a mason, hailing from lodges which are not recognized as such by the grand lodge occupying the territory from which the said mason professes to hail. This is a dangerous doctrine and, if accepted by all jurisdictions, would ultimately undermine the exclusive jurisdiction of every grand lodge in its own territory. In

my opinion the Grand Lodge of Washington stands on precisely the same ground after the repealing of the negro resolution as she did when she originally adopted them. However, I refer the whole matter to the grand lodge for adjustment, being willing to abide by its judgment as to my official actions in dealing with this matter. The edict was issued, to remain in force until this communication of the grand lodge.

A number of grand and past grand officers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania were received as visitors; the committee on masonic home was discontinued; the three years' limit to future appointments as grand representatives was abolished; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The following resolution on negro masonry was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master of Delaware, Bro. J. H. Rile, in issuing an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, until this communication of the grand lodge be approved; and that the said edict be continued in force by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware until the Grand Lodge of Washington shall annul her action with regard to the legitimacy of negro masonry, and their right to organize lodges and grand lodges within the jurisdiction of existing grand lodges of ancient craft masonry.

Bro. L. H. Jackson prepared his accustomed brief report on correspondence, with the following reference to Minnesota:

Bro. Irving Todd presented an excellent report on correspondence, including a review of Delaware for 1898. * * * Bro. Todd's form of report is good, and likely to command the attention of those into whose hands it may come.

M.: W.: W. W. Black, jr., Laurel, Grand Master; R.: W.: B. F. Bartram, Wilmington, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, Wilmington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1898.

The eighty-eighth annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 9th, M.: W.: S. C. Palmer, Grand Master.

Twenty-four lodges represented; twenty-five on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership five thousand, two hundred, and ninety-eight; gain one hundred and fifty-six. Receipts \$5,000.80.

The usual number of dispensations to confer degrees out of time were reported, and the appointments of grand representatives near other grand lodges were confirmed and those appointed near their own grand lodge received and acknowledged as such.

At the installation communication a subscription of \$1,000 was voted to the Masonic Temple Association; a committee was appointed to act with a similar committee from the Grand Lodge of Virginia in arranging for the Washington memorial; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The accustomed report on foreign correspondence was submitted by the veteran grand secretary, from which we quote under the head of Minnesota:

A very excellent address was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. R. C. Hine, upon masonry, in which several anecdotes are related illustrating the value of masonry, particularly to those who may be travelers in strange countries and among strangers.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, P. G. M., for the committee. Ninety-six pages are occupied with his review. Of these our own proceedings for 1896 have one page, *and we repeat* about as much as we are entitled to. Thanks.

Bro. Singleton falls into the common error of attaching a handle to our name for which there is no warrant.

Under the head of California the following reference is made to his improved health:

Well. Yes, we are well; so much so that every morning when arising we get tight, or rather, our clothes are so much so that it is a tight squeeze to get into them.

An interesting resume of negro masonry is given under the head of Kentucky, but we have room only for the following extract:

We do not recognize color in masonry, hence the color question has nothing to do with this discussion, except with many negrophiles, who seem to care more for the welfare of the negro than for the peace and harmony of their white brethren; but we feel assured that if those two applicants in Washington had been white men the Grand Lodge of Washington would never have considered the question at all.

M.: W.: J. H. Small, jr., Grand Master; R.: W.: W. R. Singleton, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1899.

The seventieth annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 17th, 18th, and 19th, M.: W.: J. M. Hilliard, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-three lodges represented; one hundred and forty-four on the roll. Eight past grand masters present, our representative included.

Two dispensations for new lodges; eight charters surrendered. Membership four thousand, one hundred, and eighty-seven; loss one hundred and thirty. Receipts \$6,447.76.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The deaths of Bro. W. A. McLean and Bro. H. J. Stewart, past grand masters, were announced.

The grand master declined granting a dispensation for a military lodge, deeming it for the best interest of masonry in general; a very correct conclusion.

The special committee upon negro masonry appointed in advance of the session, submitted an exhaustive report which was unanimously adopted, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M.: W.: Grand Master of Florida hereby suspends all intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, and forbids its subordinates and members from having any communication with lodges or masons owning allegiance to the said Grand Lodge of Washington.

The grand secretary reported that a handsome marble slab had been placed over the grave of Bro. D. C. Dawkins, past grand master, at a cost of \$61.44; a copy of Preston's Illustrations, formerly the property of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, was transmitted to the grand lodge by an English brother into

whose hands it had fallen ; one of the new lodges surrendered its dispensation and that of the other was continued ; a reduction of \$800 was reported in the bonded indebtedness ; an interesting address was delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator ; an amendment to the constitution was adopted providing that a dual member should be accounted for by the lodge to which he first belonged ; most likely, in many cases, by none at all ; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master ; a report on foreign correspondence was ordered to be printed in future ; an appropriation of \$50 was made to the grand master for an official attendance at the Washington memorial ; the subordinate lodges were advised and instructed not to accept petitions from those engaged in the liquor traffic ; and the past master's degree was conferred upon thirty-nine brethren.

A valuable special report on St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, chartered at Pensacola in 1771, was submitted by Bro. S. B. Wright, with a number of accompanying documents from the archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: S. B. Wright, De Land, Grand Master ; R.: W.: W. P. Webster, Jacksonville, reëlected Grand Secretary ; Bro. Samuel Pasco, Monticello, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

GEORGIA, 1899.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 31st. Nov. 1st, 2d, M.: W.: W. A. Davis, Grand Master. Four hundred and sixteen lodges represented ; four hundred and twenty-three on the roll. Three past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge ; three charters revived and three surrendered. Membership nineteen thousand, three hundred, and thirty-two ; gain seven hundred and seventy-one. Receipts \$36,944.61.

Among the deaths announced was that of Bro. T. W. Freeman, grand tyler for a great many years.

Seventy-eight special dispensations and twenty-five decisions were reported, of local interest only.

The address states :

I am proud now, however, to give you the pleasing information that the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its last annual communication, held in June of the present year, did fully and completely rescind its action of 1898 with reference to negro masonry as is stated above, and that most of the grand lodges which took action on this question have revoked such action in severing fraternal intercourse with said Grand Lodge of Washington, and that now the most cordial and fraternal relations exist, or soon will exist, between the Grand Lodge of Washington and other grand lodges, and that peace, harmony, and unity again prevail throughout the land.

The Grand Master of Georgia evidently gave the circular a very hasty reading, or is easily satisfied.

The industrial home was reported a success, having fifty-four inmates; a memorial service was held the first evening, with a number of addresses eulogistic of their deceased brethren during the past year, and a collection of \$100 for one of their families; a reception was given to the children of the home; fire escapes were ordered for the temple; an interesting communication was read from Bro. S. D. Irvin, their senior grand master; \$224.20 were contributed to the industrial home; a special committee was appointed to formulate plans for a masonic home; six charters and one dispensation were granted; the grand master was requested to attend the Washington memorial, at the expense of the grand lodge; the proposition to limit limits to two years was laid over until next year; the salary of the grand treasurer was increased to \$600; special memorial services were discontinued for the future; and the representatives of newly chartered lodges were paid return mileage and one day's per diem.

The following report of the committee on general welfare was adopted :

We note with pleasure the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in rescinding its resolutions, so generally obnoxious to the craft and congratulate our brethren of that jurisdiction, not only upon this fact, but also upon the conservative and conciliatory spirit exhibited under somewhat sharp and stinging rebuke.

If this was not the deliberate conclusion of a prominent standing committee it might possibly be construed as rather broad sarcasm.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared as usual by Bro. W. S. Ramsey, with two pages given to a fraternal review of Minnesota. We quote:

We fully agree with him that it is folly to cheapen masonry. We believe the minimum fee of this grand lodge is lower than that of any lodge within our knowledge.

We have seldom enjoyed the reading of an oration that gave us more real pleasure and delightful entertainment than the one delivered before this grand body by Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator. His subject is Love.

The grand secretary propounded fifty questions for the lodges to answer to the district deputy. We have not space for them here, but deputies will profit by procuring a copy and reading them.

The report on correspondence is furnished by Bro. Irving Todd; it covers one hundred pages, and is a review of the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges, Georgia for 1898 is among that number, but it is merely a brief summary of the proceedings. He displays wretched taste, and worse courtesy, in styling the humble and devout prayer of R.⁺ W.⁺ Grand Chaplain Hubert, "a stump speech."

Appended to those proceedings are some papers of historic value, read before the body, and made a matter of record.

If the Rev. Bro. Ramsey takes the trouble to look up the vigorous roasts of the Rev. Bro. Vincil, of Missouri, during the past dozen years he will doubtless apologize for the allusions to our very mild criticism of their grand chaplain.

M.⁺ W.⁺ W. A. Davis, Grand Master, and R.⁺ W.⁺ W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Macon; Bro. W. S. Ramsey, Dublin, committee on foreign correspondence.

IDAHO, 1899.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at Boise, Sept. 12th, 13th, and 14th, M.⁺ W.⁺ G. H. Storer, Grand Master. Twenty-four lodges represented; twenty-nine on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Memberships eleven hundred and forty-three; loss ninety-seven, with one lodge not reporting. Receipts \$2,537.30.

The frontispiece is a group of the grand lodge. There are also portraits of the grand master elect and a past grand master.

A reception and banquet was tendered by the Eastern Star chapter; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Wyoming; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; a brief but eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. F. G. Mock, grand orator; the action of a subordinate lodge in restoring a brother after death and burying him with masonic honors was ordered to be wiped from its record book; the penal code was amended making it the duty of the secretary to report at each regular meeting the names of all members in arrears for dues one year or more, preliminary to suspension; the resolution of 1897 in relation to non-affiliates was ordered enforced; secretaries were directed to notify the grand secretary and each and every lodge of reinstatements to membership; and the signet ring was transmitted to the new grand master.

The report on fraternal correspondence was again presented by Bro. F. G. Mock. Minnesota fraternally noticed. The following extracts are taken from his review:

The pleasant face of Grand Master Stebbins is seen at the opening of this volume, which contains the proceedings of their forty-sixth annual.

The address of the grand master is an able state paper.

Two lodges were constituted and three instituted. No army lodges for Minnesota, but the grand master set a new pace by granting permission for one of their lodges to appear in regalia at a dance. The prompter, if he did his full duty, called off something after this fashion: Salute your partner (grand hailing sign); opposite lady (recognition sign); all promenade (deacons in the lead); first four and left (pass under steward's rods); right and left back, etc., each holding on to his partner with the true grip, keeping the proper step, and at the close of each change re-conducting their partner back to the place from whence they started. We believe this is the first case of the kind on record, and we hope it will be the last.

The grand secretary's report is a model one.

Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator, spoke on Love. It is a splendid effort and contains many beautiful gems of thought.

Bro. Irving Todd fills a hundred pages in his report on correspondence, and it is in the best style of that faithful worker. Idaho for 1898 is given kindly notice.

A fine half tone of Bro. G. R. Metcalf, president of the Masonic Veteran Association, is found near the close of the volume; also the doings of the seventh annual reunion. Oratory and feasting were the principal orders of business.

We are sorry to disturb Bro. Mock's hilarity, but the record shows that the dancing dispensation referred to was refused.

M.: W.: J. C. Muerman, Moscow, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. W. Randall, Boise, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. F. G. Mock, Nampa, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ILLINOIS, 1899.

The sixtieth annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 3d, 4th, and 5th, M.: W.: Edward Cook, Grand Master. Seven hundred and nine lodges represented; seven hundred and twenty-two on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge; one charter suspended. Membership fifty-five thousand, one hundred, and twenty; gain nine hundred and sixty-two. Receipts \$41,860.11.

The deaths of Bros. D. C. Cregier and J. A. Hawley, past grand masters, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and the two deceased past grand masters.

The edict of the grand master prohibiting theatrical displays in the conferring of degrees was approved; a letter from the late Bro. D. C. Cregier was read, transmitting his jewel to be worn by the grand master at all communications of the grand lodge; an eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. Frank Crane, grand orator; the charter of the suspended lodge was restored, and one granted to the lodge under dispensation; the bonds of the grand treasurer and grand secretary were fixed at \$30,000 each; the amendment to the by-laws proposed last year, giving per diem and mileage to permanent members, was adopted; the grand secretary was instructed to note the date of their reception by the grand lodge on all commissions of grand representatives; a committee was appointed to revise

the book of ceremonials, and report next year ; appropriations of \$1,000 each were made to the Eastern Star and masonic homes ; portraits of five of the oldest past grand masters were ordered inserted in next year's proceedings ; and the Cregier jewel was transferred to the grand master elect.

A second topical report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. Joseph Robbins, with the following fraternal reference to Minnesota :

The report on correspondence is as usual by Bro. Irving Todd, whose faculty of condensing a report into a comparatively small space without having it degenerate into simply a grand lodge directory, and still retain its vigor and individuality, is the despair of the guild. He is usually very correct in giving an idea of what took place, but in his notice of Illinois for 1898 he fell into the error that some others have, in thinking that the seconding of the amendment providing for the payment of mileage and per diem to permanent members was final favorable action. It lies over for a year.

We had already discovered our mistake. In Illinois, it seems, an amendment to the grand lodge by-laws must lie over ; in other jurisdictions it may be adopted at any time by a two-thirds vote.

An unusual amount of space is devoted to the fraternal dead in the current volume. The grand master has three pages ; a special committee on Bro. Hawley, two pages ; a special committee on Bro. Cregier, three and a half pages ; the standing committee on obituaries, nine pages ; the committee on correspondence, twenty-one pages ; there are also three memorial pages. Of course it is none of our business, but this laudable theme appears to be often greatly overdone, particularly in some of the smaller jurisdictions. In our way of thinking the address should briefly refer to the decease of permanent members only ; the obituary committee might confine its write-ups to local brethren ; and the distinguished craftsmen from abroad be grouped in two or three memorial pages.

The leading topic of discussion, as might be expected, is negro masonry, with a defense of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in which Bro. Robbins seems to have the field all to himself. There are no new arguments, neither can there

be upon a subject which has been a bone of contention among masonic writers so many years.

The concluding portion of this lengthy paper will presumably cause a smile among our Massachusetts brethren, and we give it in full:

The well nigh universal interpretation of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington—which, by the light of its own declaration that it involved no proposal to enter into relations with the negro grand lodges, appeared to us to be intended only as an expression of opinion that historically certain negro organizations were entitled to be regarded as legitimate—to be an absolute recognition of negro grand lodges in the ordinary acceptance of the term, giving those bodies a legitimate status, so far as Washington action could accomplish it, in the jurisdictions where they exist, of course precipitated a general discussion and a general denial of the right or power of Washington to do so; and the argument all along the line discloses a general consensus of opinion that the only practicable and clearly correct method of accomplishing it involves such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as will lift from African Lodge the clandestine status entailed upon it by non-participation in the formation of that grand lodge, and regularize the subsequent work of the lodge in that jurisdiction.

It is poetic justice that the whirligig of time should by common consent bring back to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the responsibility, with its weight many times increased, for the discord producing state of affairs which its action in ignoring the rights of lawful masons one hundred and seven years ago entailed upon masonry in America to-day.

Because the legitimacy of African Lodge, after it had been chartered by the Grand Lodge of England as No. 459, is to-day as it was in 1792, and as it will be to-morrow or next year or a score of years from now, when the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts again takes it up, as it sometime must, the pivotal point of the discussion, we have yielded the considerable space we have given to that phase of the subject and left ourselves none for the consideration of many interesting incidental particulars.

If there is any such consensus of opinion with relation to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, aside and apart from the consent of Bro. Upton and Bro. Robbins upon this point, it has entirely escaped our notice.

Our distinguished brother holds that the charter from the Grand Lodge of England legalized all past and future acts of African Lodge. Granting this view to be correct, which we do not, may we be permitted to inquire what value that document possessed after the Grand Lodge of England erased No. 459 from its roll of lodges in 1812, for cause?

Under the head of Mexican masonry Bro. Robbins sums up the situation as suggested from several sources, that our neighboring republic be regarded as vacant territory, precisely as Mississippi regards the state of Washington.

Alluding to our criticism upon the form of his report he says:

It looks easy, but we think one trial would modify our brother's views somewhat.

With an experience in compilation of long standing in other lines of labor we can safely state that a creditable report on the topical plan can be turned out in much less time than our present paper, but of course it would be longer, with many things necessarily omitted that should be given to the brethren for whose benefit it is prepared.

The remaining topics are army lodges and masonic homes, and in his general disapproval of both we cordially coincide. Was it not an army lodge at Boston in 1775 that caused so much mischief in the fraternity?

M. : W. : C. F. Hitchcock, Peoria, Grand Master ; R. : W. : J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington, reëlected Grand Secretary ; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1899.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 23d and 24th, M. : W. : S. S. Johnson, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-four lodges represented ; four hundred and eighty-eight on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges ; one charter surrendered, one arrested, and one restored ; two consolidations. Membership thirty thousand, nine hundred, and one ; gain nine hundred and forty-seven. Receipts \$19,130.20.

The portraits are of the grand master elect and Bro. A. A. Meek, grand master in 1818-20.

The grand master reported the granting of permission to a lodge to meet in large hall one night, the occasion being the conferring of master mason's degree upon a father and four sons.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

5. Lodge can bury a dimitted mason if majority of members present so decide.

12. Is it lawful to confer degrees upon a black man having the necessary qualification? Yes.

24. Would it be a violation of masonic law to receive the fee of a minister of the gospel and, after initiation, for the lodge to vote him a donation of the full amount of the fee? If not a technical violation of section seventy-eight of grand lodge general regulations, it is a violation of the meaning and intent of such regulations, and no such action can be had. It is beyond my comprehension why lodges should continue in attempt to give degrees to ministers without charge. Masonry knows no privileged class, and no man ought to ask for the degrees unless he can afford to pay the fee.

26. Fellow craft degree cannot be conferred upon a candidate who says he cannot learn the work, is entirely deficient, and unable to answer a single question.

Charters were granted to eight lodges under dispensation; a lodge was erroneously permitted to change its number from 349 to 72, notwithstanding the report of a committee showing the unreasonableness of the request; a lodge charter was suspended for initiating a candidate with a maimed right hand; an amendment to the general regulations was adopted similar to the New York plan of granting dimits; the appointments as grand representatives were confirmed and approved; the use of any cipher work was made a masonic offense; the affiliation of a late member of an Ohio clandestine lodge was declared null and void; an edict requiring dimits from other grand jurisdictions to be certified by its grand secretary was unanimously adopted; a master who had never served as warden was recommended to step down and out; an opinion of the grand master that a lodge should not be called off until another day to finish its work was confirmed; the refusal of

the grand master to grant a dispensation for an army lodge was approved; a copy of McDonald's History and Smythe's Masonic Law were ordered sent to each lodge free of charge; an appropriation of \$300 was made for a monument to Bro. A. A. Meek, past grand master; the expenditure by the trustees of \$27,067.12 for the improvement of the temple was approved; three delegates were named to the Washington memorial, their expenses to be paid by the grand lodge; the interdict of all fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was rescinded and revoked; the forty-nine years suspension of a brother for declaring that the Holy Bible was a fraud was affirmed; a proposition to reduce the fee for the degrees to \$15 was very properly negatived by the committee on jurisprudence; the future sale of McDonald's History was placed in the hands of the author; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The special committee upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington submitted a lengthy report, concluding as follows:

Your committee disapproves of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

It disapproves of the stubborn and unfraternal spirit permeating the Grand Master of Washington as displayed in his letters relating thereto, and it regrets that his lack of masonic knowledge and surplus ambition has caused him to compromise the standing of his grand lodge and debase the dignity of the greatest fraternal organization the world has ever seen.

That no mistake may be made, that the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Indiana may be clearly defined, we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana recognizes as legitimate all grand lodges of free and accepted masons of the United States with which it has heretofore been in fraternal intercourse, except as hereinafter stated.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana does not recognize as legitimate any colored grand lodge of masons established within the territorial jurisdiction of any grand lodge in the United States formally recognized by this grand lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indiana deprecates the unwise, unconsidered and uncalled-for action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in attempting to force abandonment of the great American doctrine of exclusive masonic jurisdiction in each and every state and territory of this American republic.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Indiana hereby severs fraternal intercourse with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, and forbids the lodges of Indiana, and the indi-

vidual members thereof, from visiting or admitting visitors from any lodge of free masons in the state of Washington, until the said Grand Lodge of Washington shall recede from and re-voke its order recognizing as regularly made masons those held and declared to be clandestine by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to re-voke this order so soon as the Grand Lodge of Washington shall recede from the position assumed by it.

Resolved, That the grand secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this report, together with the action of the grand lodge thereon, to the Grand Lodge of Washington, to each lodge in the state of Indiana, and to all grand lodges in the world with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication.

The report was concurred in and the resolutions adopted by an unanimous vote.

A very able and lengthy report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. N. R. Ruckle, with eighty-four pages on negro masonry as an introduction. Of the writer he is pleased to say:

Bro. Irving Todd, who presents the report on correspondence, has the enviable faculty of presenting clearly and compactly the business transacted in each grand body.

Under the head of California is found the following applicable sentiment:

The claims of charity are easy to meet out of another's pocket. The merit of giving is in the sacrifice made. It is neither charity nor sacrifice to give to be repaid again, whether the object be worthy or unworthy. The donor has the right to be consulted as to his ability to give in any particular case, and as to the merit of the giving to the particular object.

Alluding to the practice of conferring the degrees upon ministers free of charge, under the head of New Mexico, he continues as follows:

In the sphere of our own observation few ministers in the cities give any attention to masonry in any of its departments, appearing only at formal and social occasions to perform the duties of a chaplain or to make an address, the discharge of the imperative duties of their charges and the demands of their parishioners consuming all their time.

M. W. William Geake, Ft. Wayne, Grand Master; R. W. W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. N. R. Ruckle, Indianapolis, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1899.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Wynnewood, Aug. 8th and 9th, M.: W.: H. C. Nash, Grand Master. Seventy-nine lodges represented; eighty-nine on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, six hundred, and twenty-five; gain one hundred and seventy-five. Receipts \$4,824.

The following were among the approved decisions:

4. Has a committee on the petition of a candidate for the degrees a right to use the lodge seal? No.

5. Using the same evidence, can a brother be tried twice for the same offense? No.

10. Has a lodge the right to confer the degrees on a minister of the gospel free of charge? No.

11. Has a lodge the right to rent its hall to other societies or for other purposes? If out of debt, no.

The annual address sums up the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Washington as follows:

They attempt and do rescind a part of the work done at their communication on last year, but your grand master is in about as much of a fog in trying to construe these last resolutions as that memorable committee was in trying to solve the subject of negro masonry in the first place.

The grand secretary was appointed as their representative at the Washington memorial; the grand secretary reported that he had built a new office at his own expense, but asked for no increase in the appropriation for rent; the fund for the home was stated as \$413; a very scholarly address was delivered by Bro. J. E. Humphrey, grand orator; the uniform code of by-laws were construed as conferring the right to temporarily waive the disability of delinquent members as regards voting or the holding of office; charters were granted to two of the lodges under dispensation, the other dispensation being continued; the mileage was fixed at eight cents, one way;

matters concerning the proposed home were placed in the hands of a board of trustees; the grand master of Oklahoma was received with the grand honors; and it was voted that no future appropriation be made or private collection taken for a past grand master's jewel.

Notwithstanding the grand master's recommendation upon the subject, the committee on law and usage submitted the following somewhat surprising report, which was adopted:

Your committee, upon an investigation of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Washington, adopted June 19th, 1899, find that the grand lodge has receded from the position taken at its preceding meeting with reference to negro masonry. We, therefore, beg to be relieved from further consideration of this subject.

A great big leather medal, suitably inscribed, should be presented to each of the three members of the aforesaid committee as a testimonial of their ability to see through a mill stone with a hole in it.

The following pleasing incident is given place in the proceedings:

Some one proposed that the brethren lay upon the altar private offerings aggregating \$50 with which to purchase the retiring past grand master a jewel in token of appreciation of his faithful labors, and that, if any amount more than the necessary \$50 should be contributed, it was to be added to the orphan's home fund.

The grand secretary has attended every stated communication of the grand lodge since its organization. He has witnessed and experienced many scenes of brotherly love and good will, but the scene that followed this proposition exceeded in interest, liberal giving, and enthusiasm any thing he has ever witnessed. Bro. H. M. Furman led the interest, and by his wit, pathos, and power brought up the entire membership of the grand lodge and the visitors present to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. It was high tide for the orphan's home. No pledges were asked, but there was laid upon the altar in cash \$124.60. Then Past Grand Master Nash electrified the grand lodge by rising and with sincere emotion donated the \$50 raised for his jewel to the funds for the home. The applause was deafening. By a rising vote the thanks of the grand lodge were extended to Grand Master H. C. Nash for this generous deed, and also for the faithful manner in which he has administered the affairs of the grand lodge the past year.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: P. B. Arthur, Leon, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Murrow, Atoka, reëlected Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1899.

The fifty-sixth annual communication was held at Mason City, June 6th, 7th, and 8th, M.: W.: Crom. Bowen, Grand Master. Four hundred and forty-four lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-two on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty-eight thousand, four hundred, and thirty; gain five hundred and twenty-three. Receipts \$24,239.45.

The portraits are of the grand master, a group of the grand officers, and a past grand treasurer.

The trustees of the charity fund report disbursements for relief to the amount of \$3,398.49; the setting aside of the edict against the Grand Lodge of Peru by the grand master was approved; a telegram of sympathy was forwarded to Bro. C. T. Granger, past grand master, detained at home by illness; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of New York by wire; the proposition to establish an army lodge at Manila was not adopted; the special committee submitted a plan of observing the centennial anniversary of Washington's death in the several lodge rooms; charters were granted to four of the lodges under dispensation, with one continued; a gavel was presented to the deputy grand master; a proposed amendment to the constitution restricting membership in the grand lodge to masters and past grand masters was rejected; and amendments to the code were adopted providing for a standing committee on fraternal dead, the payment of per diem and mileage to members of committees, and that a full year's service as master alone entitled a brother to the honors of a past master.

The following is the conclusion of the special committee's report on negro masonry, which was unanimously adopted:

The Grand Lodge of Washington has, by its action, as it seems to us, placed itself in a most perilous position, and one fraught with the greatest danger to our beloved institution.

Freemasonry recognizes no color line. Its light goes wherever the light of civilization goes. Its doctrines, its lessons, and its secrets may be taught and revealed to its votaries without reference to country, tongue, or color. Those seeking admission into its ranks are tested alike by their physical, mental, and moral qualifications. To attempt to establish class or national distinctions is an innovation, contrary to the principles of equality that we have ever professed, wrong in principle, and dangerous in its tendencies. The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington has not been sanctioned by any other grand lodge, but has been repudiated by several, and some have severed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington. Whether such severance of fraternal relations is wise at this time appears to your committee to be very doubtful. That spirit of fraternity which should control us in all our actions as masons should cause us to hesitate long before severing the fraternal tie that binds us to a regular grand lodge, sovereign in its authority within its jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Iowa, claiming for itself the right of independent thought and action, limited by a careful recognition of the masonic landmarks, has no desire to exercise censorship over other grand lodges. While free to criticise action it deems to be erroneous in others, and inviting fair criticism of its own action, this grand lodge desires to maintain in its purity that spirit of independence and equality that should ever exist between coördinate grand lodges. Sincerely regretting the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in renewing the agitation of a question deemed long since settled, and regarding such action ill advised and calculated to disturb the harmony so essential to the welfare and prosperity of the fraternity, the Grand Lodge of Iowa deems its present duty fully performed in expressing the earnest hope that on further consideration the Grand Lodge of Washington will rescind its former action, and place itself in line with the well recognized doctrine and masonic sentiment of this country; and placing upon record for the government of the craft of our own jurisdiction that under what this grand lodge understands to be well settled masonic law and usage, and clearly expressed in our written constitution and laws, there can be no recognition of any fraternal masonic lodge in Iowa not deriving its charter from our grand lodge, or of any irregular lodge in any other grand jurisdiction, or any pretended mason claiming to have been made in any such irregular lodge, either in this or any other grand jurisdiction; such pretended lodges and masons being declared by our law to be clandestine.

Bro. J. C. W. Coxe prepared the report on correspondence in his usual able and pleasing style, from which the following paragraphs pertaining to Minnesota are taken:

A portrait of the grand master, A. T. Stebbins, rugged as a mountain oak, clear eyed, strong, forceful, faces the title page.

The address of the grand master is an excellent paper, direct, vigorous, incisive.

The tenth annual report of the grand secretary is practical, pertinent, interesting. Bro. Montgomery does not pose for effect on the galleries.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, discoursed elegantly and eloquently on Love. His oration fittingly finds place in the proceedings.

In an even one hundred pages Bro. Irving Todd presented his correspondence report. His introduction occupies two lines; his conclusion—none. Yet no one who reads will miss his conclusions. Bro. Todd has opinions, and declares them; he comments freely, criticises candidly, commends generously. An example of the second is found under Alabama, where he cites some of the decisions which called forth our animadversion last year. Our proceedings for 1898 have his fraternal notice of nearly two pages. The daily doings are summed up in excellent order. * * * The condensed vigor of this report prevents successful excerpting. It is tingling with life from first to last; red corpuscles are dominant in the writer's veins.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association are prefaced by a fine picture of Bro. G. R. Metcalf, the president. Business, reports, elections, banquets, and toasts make up the proceedings, which are very interesting. * * * The future historian will highly value these reminiscences.

Spare our blushes, Bro. Coxe. We still have a little modesty left, after forty years of active newspaper experience.

The conclusion is a criticism of the action of the Grand Lodge of California in recognizing the Gran Dieta and the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing negro masonry. Strong points are raised in both instances, adversely as a matter of course.

M.: W.: Thomas Lambert, Sabula, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, committee on fraternal correspondence.

KANSAS, 1899.

The forty-third annual communication was held at Leavenworth, Feb. 15th and 16th, M. : W. : M. L. Stone, Grand Master. Two hundred and forty-four lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-seven on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty thousand, one hundred, and three; gain two hundred and fifteen. Receipts \$15,242.03.

A number of the grand officers from Missouri were present at the opening and received with the grand honors.

The deaths of Bro. H. C. Cook and Bro. J. M. Price, past grand masters, were announced.

Nearly eleven pages of the grand secretary's report are devoted to a description of the new card register, believed to be the most complete one in existence, and upon which an immense amount of time and labor has been expended. It is a monument to one of the most efficient officers of our personal acquaintance.

The report of the librarian shows substantial additions, consisting largely of bound volumes of proceedings of other jurisdictions.

An address of more than ordinary merit was delivered by Bro. L. H. Perkins, grand orator; the customary memorial service was held in connection with the report of the committee on necrology; an appropriation of \$500 was made for the expenses of five representatives at the Washington memorial; a letter of sympathy was ordered addressed to the grand tyler, stricken with paralysis; the treasurer's bond was ordered to be given by a surety company, at the expense of the grand lodge; the two lodges under dispensation were granted charters; a series of patriotic resolutions were unanimously adopted; the standing regulations were amended rendering it unlawful for a lodge to take a promissory note for a member's dues; and the reports of the home show thirty-two inmates and annual expense \$5,069.08.

The report on foreign correspondence was again presented by Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite. He refers to the grand master's address as an able report, and among other things says:

The grand secretary, R.: W.: Bro. Thomas Montgomery, presented a good report.

The oration of Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator, contains a vivid and intelligent word picture of the masonry of to-day, its teachings and position in the world.

The report on correspondence is a good one, and reveals the ability of Bro. Irving Todd, its author.

The proceedings contain a very interesting account of the sixth annual reunion of the Masonic Veterans' Association.

Under the head of Washington the following pertinent reference is made to negro masonry:

We do not desire to enter into a lengthy discussion of the matter, but desire to say that in our judgment the Grand Lodge of Washington out of the generosity of their love and fellowship have committed a grievous error, the effect of which will not be conducive to the good of masonry. The yielding up of exclusive jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Washington will require a new set of ancient charges.

M.: W.: H. C. Loomis, Winfield, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. K. Wilson, Topeka, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite, Jewell City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1899.

The one hundredth annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 17th, 18th, and 19th, M.: W.: J. E. Wilhelm, Grand Master. Four hundred and thirty lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-eight on the roll. Eighteen past grand masters present.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; five charters arrested and one surrendered. The army dispensation surrendered. Membership eighteen thousand, seven hundred, and ninety; gain three hundred and eighty-eight. Receipts \$12,729.52.

The deaths of Bro. H. T. Wilson and Bro. R. H. Thompson, their senior and junior past grand masters, were announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master. There is also a cut of the Hiram Bassett medal.

The forty-six decisions were of local interest only; three masters of lodges were reported suspended from office for violations of law; these and other matters indicate that the grand master had a very busy year.

An appropriation of \$250 was made to the Washington memorial, and a committee of five appointed to attend, at the expense of the grand lodge; the grand secretary was instructed to procure metallic badges for the use of the representatives; seven charters were granted to lodges under dispensation; an appropriation of \$350 was made for the monument erected to the memory of Bro. Hiram Bassett, past grand master; and an ivory gavel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The following report of the jurisprudence committee was adopted:

Last year this grand lodge, after a very able discussion of the matter by the grand master and a most convincing and elaborate report from a special committee, voted non-intercourse between this grand lodge, its subordinates and members, and the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and members, on account of the action taken by the Washington grand lodge as to negro masonry. Since that time the Washington grand lodge has taken new action on the subject, the text of which was printed with the grand master's address. On reading this paper we find reason to regret that the Grand Lodge of Washington felt impelled to make grave, but vague, charges against its alleged enemies, to couple its formal action with declarations of rather uncertain tenor, and generally to recede from its former action in a rather ungracious way. These, however, are matters of taste. The fact remains that the two objectionable resolutions recognizing clandestine negro lodges and grand lodges were expressly repealed, and we, therefore, move the adoption of this resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and members, adopted at the annual communication of this grand lodge in 1898, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

This generous action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky is like unto heaping coals of fire upon the head of the writer of the Washington report.

After a rest of six years Bro. J. W. Staton resumes his old place as chairman of the committee on foreign correspond-

ence, and gives us one of his old-time reports, from which we quote under the head of Minnesota:

The address of the grand master covers fifteen pages, and is largely local in its tenor. * * * He reports three decisions. The second smacks somewhat of perpetual jurisdiction, which we do not subscribe to.

The report of the faithful grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, is a full and complete statement of his official duties for the year. He prepared and sent out a blank to be filled by each lodge showing a detailed report of the affairs of each lodge. We believe it would work well in Kentucky. The closing sentence of his report is especially interesting to this writer. The friendship formed by this writer during forty years of his masonic career and experience is a world of comfort to him in his declining years. We are glad that one of those friendships formed is our good Bro. Montgomery. Long may he live and prosper.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered what is pronounced a finished oration from the text, Love.

Bro. Irving Todd furnishes another excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred pages. Kentucky proceedings for 1898 is allotted two full pages of kind and fraternal review.

A splendid pamphlet entitled proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota at its seventh annual reunion, St. Paul, January, 1899, is attached to the pamphlet of proceedings of the grand lodge. It is prefaced by an excellent likeness of Bro. G. R. Metcalf, the president of the association. The papers read at the meeting are of the most instructive and interesting character. Of course there was an annual feast, and after that came the reading of the papers referred to as well as addresses.

We can assure Bro. Staton that the sentiment against perpetual jurisdiction is very pronounced in this jurisdiction.

Under the head of Illinois he says:

In the matter of negro masonry, as brought about by the Grand Lodge of Washington, he (Bro. Robbins) seems to have championed the cause of Washington which, so far as this writer has been able to observe, is the only encouragement received by any writer on correspondence, or grand lodge, in America. We regret this step, since it has been the verdict of the old and conservative grand lodges of the country that the negro masonry referred to by the Washington committee is clandestine, after full and free examination into their title of legitimacy. The late action of the Grand Lodge of Washington has

caused it to back down from its position; not in a very graceful mood, but still it has done so, and the strength of their position, if any they had, is broken by a virtual concession of their wrong conception of the matter.

M.: W.: J. A. Ramsey, Owingsville, Grand Master; R.: W.. H. B. Grant, Louisville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Staton, Brooksville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1899.

The eighty-seventh annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 13th, 14th, and 15th, M.: W.: A. C. Allen, Grand Master. Fifty-seven lodges represented; one hundred and thirty on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership five thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-seven; gain twelve. Receipts \$18,947.71.

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the absent junior grand warden owing to the serious illness of his wife; charters were granted to two lodges under dispensation, and the other dispensation extended another year; resolutions of regret were forwarded to Bro. S. J. Powell, past grand master, absent by reason of illness; a special assessment of \$1 per capita was levied to apply on the temple debt, and fifty cents for four years thereafter; the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was repealed; the grand master was empowered to provide for representation at the Washington memorial; New Zealand and Tasmania were recognized; and a testimonial was voted to Bro. A. W. Hyatt, elected grand treasurer for the twenty-fifth term.

The following report of the committee on foreign correspondence was received and the accompanying resolution adopted:

In the matter of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in recognizing as masons men made in lodges we are convinced are clandestine, your committee have carefully considered the matter. Whatever may be said of concurrent jurisdiction in foreign lands, it re-

mains true that in these United States the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction within the several states, territories, and district is so fixed that it is fundamental. A lodge working in any state of this union that does not hold a warrant of constitution from a grand lodge, recognized by this grand lodge, is clandestine. The men recognized as masons by the Grand Lodge of Washington were made in lodges obnoxious to this objection, and we cannot fellowship with a grand lodge that recognizes any clandestine made mason. We, therefore, recommend that intercourse with said grand lodge be suspended until the Grand Lodge of Washington repeals its action in this matter.

Resolved, That the representative of this grand lodge near that of the Grand Lodge of Washington be withdrawn, and our constituent lodges are hereby forbidden to receive any mason hailing from a lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of Washington. This edict to remain in full force and effect until such grand lodge ceases to recognize clandestine made masons.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: A. C. Allen, Franklin, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. H. C. Duncan, Alexandria, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MAINE, 1899.

The eightieth annual communication was held at Portland, May 2d, 3d, and 4th, M.: W.: J. A. Locke, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-one lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-five on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership twenty-two thousand, one hundred, and sixty-five; loss twenty-six. Receipts \$6,259.33.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The grand master held that while the past master's degree ought to be conferred before or at the time of installation, it may be given afterwards; that the by-laws of a lodge granting life membership upon payment of \$20 is a masonic contract, which cannot be repealed; that the election of a brother as an honorary member cannot be reconsidered; that the application of a Roman Catholic for the degrees should not be received, as in the ordinary course of events he must prove faith-

less to his church or violate his vow; that a brother suspended from membership a number of years for nonpayment of dues should not be permitted to restore himself in order to be supported by the lodge; and that, while masonic assistance is a matter of free will, a lodge ought to reimburse money expended for the relief of its own members, if able to do so.

Fraternal relations were re-established with the Grand Lodge of Peru; two representatives were appointed to the Washington memorial, with an appropriation of \$60 each for expenses; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized and the Grand Orient of Portugal was not; the pending amendments to the constitution pertaining to the duties of district deputy grand masters and requiring every lodge to preserve one copy of the printed proceedings were adopted; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The following action was taken upon negro masonry:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine again re-affirms the doctrine that every regular grand lodge has, by inherent right, exclusive jurisdiction within its own territory, and especially that no lawful lodge can be created or exist, and that no person can be made a regular mason in that territory, save under its authority.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this grand lodge the Grand Lodge of Washington, in adopting resolutions allowing its subordinates and the members of its obedience to recognize as regular masons parties made in lodges in another jurisdiction held by the grand lodge of that jurisdiction to be irregular and clandestine, has infringed upon a law held by all other English speaking grand lodges to be binding upon all grand lodges.

Resolved, That this grand lodge fraternally, but most earnestly, requests the Grand Lodge of Washington to rescind those resolutions, to the end that the peace of the craft be restored and the interests of legitimate masonry subserved.

Bro. J. H. Drummond prefaces his report on foreign correspondence with a lengthy paper on the jurisdiction of grand lodges, in which negro masonry is exhaustively treated.

Of Minnesota he says:

As usual the grand master opened a lodge of master masons, did certain business, and then opened the grand lodge. We regard this as erroneous, in confounding the ritual lodge with the actual lodge. The

grand lodge should be opened, and on such degree as the grand master should direct. In the old records in this section the language is the lodge was opened on the third step in masonry, or first step or second step, as the case might be. The masonic law undoubtedly is that it is the chartered lodge or the grand lodge which is opened, and not a merely theoretical, non-existing body. This may seem to be an unimportant matter, but that is not so, for it teaches an erroneous idea of a lodge.

He had granted dispensations for three new lodges, and declined to grant two others on the ground that a lodge could not be supported in the particular locality. One of the new lodges was in Minneapolis and starts with a membership of one hundred; there are a good many lodges in that city, but if this lodge has for its object the cultivation of masonry rather than to make masons, it will be a benefit to the craft; our city lodges are all too large to carry out the primary objects of the lodge organization.

The district deputy system has been recently adopted in Minnesota and the grand master speaks in high terms of its success. He read one of the reports to the grand lodge and adds. * * * Of course we need not say to our Maine brother that we fully concur in this and wish that all our deputies may have as high an appreciation of the importance of their office as Grand Master Stebbins has.

The grand secretary formulated a list of nearly fifty questions for lodges to answer to the district deputy, and to serve as the basis of his report to the grand lodge. We will not copy them, but district deputies will gain many useful hints by calling at our grand lodge office and reading them.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered an exceedingly beautiful oration upon the subject of Love.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving M. Todd. He has revived a method of preparation of these reports that involves much labor, time, and study, giving a paragraph containing condensed items that gives much in little to an extraordinary degree. He makes few comments, so that if others should adopt the same course the supply of material from other reports would soon cease.

In the review of Maine he says:

Bro. Drummond does not seem to appreciate the difference in status between an application from a candidate who has been previously rejected and an application from one who has not. We can assure him, however, that when an average committee of investigation finds this cloud upon the title, some reliable evidence is required to remove it. Of course the inquiry is prosecuted strictly upon masonic lines.

To say that we are amazed is putting it mildly. Why, we have almost been called a crank for insisting so strenuously that there is a vast difference between the status of a rejected candidate and one who has not been rejected.

Of Mexico he says:

Toltec Lodge, in the city of Mexico, was lawfully constituted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri; it surrendered its charter and applied to the Gran Dieta for another, because it was ordered so to do. Any one who recognizes the Grand Lodge of Missouri, need have no fears in visiting its legitimate offspring. Neither does such visitation imply a recognition of Mexican masonry, in the usual acceptance of the term.

We do not agree; if a regular lodge gives in its adhesion to a clandestine grand lodge it becomes clandestine, and no regular mason can visit it. And certainly visiting such a lodge is a recognition of the grand body under which it holds, or is a gross violation of masonic law and obligations. But we say this without prejudice to Toltec Lodge, as we are by no means saying that the Gran Dieta is not the regular supreme masonic authority in Mexico.

To our mind his discussion of the use of the word order comes to this: That because the word once had a more limited meaning, it is not proper to use the word with the meaning which it now has. Usage makes laws in the meaning of words as well as in masonry.

As usual these proceedings contain also the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, with an excellent portrait of the president, Bro. G. R. Metcalf. The addresses are all of a high character, and the historical ones are of great value. A paper was read which had been prepared by Bro. Francisco de P. Rodriguez, secretary of the Cuban Veteran Association, entitled Cuban Masons and Cuban Veterans. This is of so much interest, especially at the present time, that we shall endeavor to find space for it when we reach Cuba in our review. We wonder that it has not already been published in some Masonic periodical.

At the time the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized the writer was a schoolboy in New York, and therefore prefers to let Bro. A. T. C. Pierson answer for him. In his report of 1878, under the head of Indian Territory, he remarks:

It is an old saying, "never too old to learn;" the grand master says that "the habit of first opening a lodge of master masons, then after ascertaining that a constitutional number of lodges are present," and then opening the grand lodge—

"I decide it wrong."

We have no idea that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota will change its constitution, under which it has been working for twenty-five years, because a grand master representing a constituency of one hundred and seventy-five masons decides it wrong.

The present district deputy system was re-established in 1874, and therefore is not a very recent thing in Minnesota.

We have been styled past grand master so often that the unearned title fits like a suit of old clothes, but this M. is a new wrinkle. Does it stand for Minnesota?

It is true that much labor, time, and study are involved in the preparation of our annual reports, but, as they are designed primarily for the benefit of the brethren in Minnesota, it is the intention to give them a correct idea of what other grand lodges are doing in as compact a form as possible. If this is the revival of any method we are not aware of it, after having read the correspondence reports of the leading jurisdictions from their first inception to date; and some of the most interesting masonic literature ever published may be found in these reviews of forty and fifty years ago.

If Bro. Drummond is such a crank in insisting that there is a difference between the status of a rejected and a non rejected candidate, why has it taken several years to impress upon him the fact that the distinction is also recognized in this jurisdiction?

So far as Toltec Lodge is concerned it was ordered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1893 to surrender its charter and accept one from the Gran Dieta, contrary to its expressed desire to remain with the mother grand lodge. There was no alternative. We thought then that Missouri had made a mistake; we think so still.

There has been no change in meaning of the word order. It is not a synonym of fraternity or society, although often ignorantly or carelessly used as such.

Under the head of Indian Territory he says:

He decided that in that jurisdiction a past master has no right to open the lodge in the absence of the master and wardens. We think it would be better and more convenient if this grand lodge would return to the old usage, for, in any sparsely settled country, such a contingency is likely to occur, and the old rule was a safe one, as has been shown by the experience of the grand lodges which have always maintained it.

Of the grand encampment regulation requiring lodge and chapter affiliation to preserve one's standing in the commandery Bro. Drummond says:

The grand encampment, however, has entered upon the experiment, and we shall have the benefit of its experience, but we will venture to say that, if the law is enforced, the commandery will lose ten members where the lodge gains one. We think the regulation is based upon the dog in the manger principal (principle), which substantially makes the lodge say, "if you won't belong to us you shall not belong to any other body."

As the lodge had nothing to say in the premises we fail to perceive the force of this reasoning, but are rather inclined to the opinion that the regulation is a wholesome one. Candidates are often rushed through the lodge and chapter like a dose of salts, and after donning the white feather they are seen no more in either body. Having attained the, to them, proud pinnacle they are perfectly willing to kick over the ladder by which the ascent was made. The grand encampment merely orders that they shall at least help keep the apparatus in repair.

Bro. Drummond holds that the exclusive use of lodge halls imposes a heavy burden upon the craft for a mere sentiment; that the making of ciphers by Webb and his contemporaries was not a violation of masonic usage, custom, or obligation; that Iowa has made a grave mistake in undertaking to found a general library instead of a masonic one; that the old rule permitted a master to be installed and receive the past master's degree at any time in the future; that there are cases in which old and devoted masons may well be put on an honorary list; that all suicides are not necessarily insane; that clergymen should not be admitted free because masonic laws should be general as far as possible; that an attempt to serve notice upon an absconding mason is an useless farce; that the requirement of time between the conferring of the degrees is a modern idea; and that the printing of the alleged historical address of Bro. J. F. Sachse was a silly performance on the part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

M.: W.: W. S. Choate, Augusta, Grand Master; R.: W.: Stephen Berry, Portland, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MANITOBA, 1899.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Regina, June 14th and 15th, M.: W.: G. B. Murphy, Grand Master. Thirty-four lodges represented; fifty-nine on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, eight hundred, and seventy; gain two hundred and one. Receipts \$2,887.72.

The grand master is evidently of the opinion that a grand representative should occasionally be seen, if not heard. He says:

In connection with the question of grand representatives I have carefully looked into the matter, and, after consideration, have decided that in cases where members of the grand lodge have been honored by sister jurisdictions it is their duty to be present at each annual communication of this grand lodge. In many cases they have failed to do so. In fact, a number have been absent for several successive years. I instructed the grand secretary to notify the grand master of the grand lodges whose representatives have been derelict in their duties, and to submit the names of other brethren for appointment. The names of the brethren thus appointed on my recommendation will be given in the report of the grand secretary.

The following were among the decisions reported:

1. That an applicant for the degrees of masonry is not debarred from admission to the craft through having lost his left hand.
2. That an applicant for the degrees of masonry is debarred admission to the craft through having lost a foot.

One of these rulings is certainly wrong. Is it not the first?

The following paragraphs are taken from the report of the grand librarian:

Our thanks are again tendered the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator for Minnesota, for valuable census reports, and for The Congressional Record (which is regularly received).

R.⁺. W.⁺. Bro. E. W. Rugg, with characteristic generosity, has donated a handsomely framed portrait of the late M.⁺. W.⁺. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and at the time of his death grand secretary of that grand lodge.

Invitations were accepted to an at home at the government house and to a ball; the library committee was instructed to issue a catalogue of masonic books in the grand lodge library; a committee was appointed to take into consideration the proper celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary; the committee on jurisprudence concurred in the opinion of the grand master, that the Yukon was unoccupied territory; the request of the Grand Orient of Belgium for an exchange of representatives was not granted; two charters were granted and two dispensations continued; the library committee reported a plan of circulating their books through the district deputies, which was adopted; the revised constitution was submitted and ordered printed; a proposed sliding scale for grand secretary's salary was recommitted, to be reported next year; a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master; a committee was authorized to procure masonic clothing and insignia for the grand lodge officers; a telegram of greeting was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota; a number of amendments to the constitution were adopted; and the rank of past district deputy grand master was conferred upon seven brethren.

The following report of the committee on foreign correspondence was adopted:

Your committee has had under consideration the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in recognizing as masons two negroes claiming to hold masonic standing from the Prince Hall Lodge, of Massachusetts.

While in no manner or degree recognizing any color line in freemasonry, your committee cannot but feel that in this matter the Grand Lodge of Washington has done serious wrong.

The Prince Hall Lodge originally held a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. Even in its first constitution there is serious question whether the Grand Lodge of England had any right to constitute

a lodge in what had then become a foreign jurisdiction. However that may be, the Prince Hall Lodge became practically extinct, thus losing any rights it may have acquired by its original constitution. Upon its revival an application for recognition was made to the Grand Lodge of England, and this communication was never replied to. The Prince Hall Lodge, from which quite a number of negro lodges hold, had then no valid masonic existence, and as such all holding from it must be treated as clandestine masons.

While we would not advise so severe a measure as the withdrawal of masonic recognition from our sister Grand Lodge of Washington, your committee would recommend that its findings on this matter—if such commend itself to grand lodge—be communicated to the Grand Lodge of Washington, leaving until the next annual communication of the grand lodge any further action that may seem to be necessitated by the course of the Grand Lodge of Washington during the next year.

An especial communication was held at Winnipeg, July 13th, for the purpose of installing the grand master and other officers elect, who had been unable to attend the annual communication. A chain collar was presented to Bro. Thomas Robinson, past grand master.

M. : W. : John Leslie, Grand Master, R. : W. : W. G. Scott reelected Grand Secretary ; both of Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 1898.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 10th, M. : W. : T. J. Shryock, Grand Master.

The grand master stated that he had obtained the loan of the implements employed in the laying of the first stone of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, for exhibition in their museum.

Two dispensations for new lodges were reported and charters granted ; all masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was prohibited ; and several distinguished visitors from Missouri were cordially welcomed.

The corner stone of the monument to Francis Scott Key at Frederick was laid June 14th, with an address by Bro. J. M. Carter, past grand master.

The one hundred and twelfth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 15th and 16th, M. : W. : T. J. Shry-

ock, Grand Master. The one hundred and three lodges all represented. Two past grand masters present.

One dispensation for an army lodge. Membership seven thousand, seven hundred, and eighty-four; gain three hundred and ten. Receipts \$32,963.38.

A committee from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was fraternally received; the committee on the Washington memorial recommended an appropriation of one cent per member; fraternal relations were restored with the Grand Lodge of Peru; the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; Bro. D. C. Avery repeated his address on the life and character of Bro. John Coats, their first grand master, delivered before the Veteran Association, and it was ordered printed in the proceedings; a testimonial was voted to Bro. E. T. Schultz for his long and valuable services to the grand lodge; the special report and resolutions of the committee on negro masonry were adopted, as given under the head of Maryland last year; and Bro. E. T. Schultz was appointed chairman emeritus of the committee on foreign correspondence.

A special communication was held at Baltimore, Dec. 27th, for the purpose of presenting a loving cup to Bro. E. T. Schultz, at which several appropriate addresses were delivered. A portrait of the veteran historian and a cut of the handsome cup are given in the journal of proceedings.

Although wholly unable to read or write, Bro. E. T. Schultz dictated a report on foreign correspondence, reviewing his experience of twelve years as reporter in the grand lodge and twenty-three in the grand chapter in a series of brief papers on pertinent masonic topics.

M. W. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R. W. J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. E. T. Schultz, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1898.

At the March quarterly an amendment was adopted declaring a candidate, initiated within five years in any lodge other than that in which he had been rejected, to be clandestine.

At the June quarterly fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru were terminated, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized, and the corner stone of the new temple was laid.

At the September quarterly a plan was proposed of increasing the charity fund by a per capita tax of \$1 for ten years, and a memorial to Bro. C. L. Woodbury was read, accompanied by portrait.

The annual communication was held at Boston, Dec. 14th, M.: W.: C. C. Hutchinson, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty-seven lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-five on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Membership thirty-nine thousand, three hundred, and thirty-four; gain eight hundred and forty-nine. Receipts \$11,475.

The grand charity fund was reported at \$123,292.74; an appropriation of \$500 was made to the Washington memorial; the grand officers were installed on St. John's Day, with the annual feast.

The committee on negro masonry submitted a report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions were unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this grand lodge, while recognizing the right of the free born negro to solicit the privileges of masonry as equal to that of the free born white man, hereby renews its refusal of masonic recognition to persons, lodges, or grand lodges deriving their masonic lineage from a certain Prince Hall, who unwarrantably assumed the function of a provincial grand master over this and neighboring states in which grand lodges already existed.

Resolved, That we protest against the recent recognition by the Grand Lodge of Washington of such spurious masons and masonic bodies.

Resolved, That we also protest against the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Washington sanctioning the possible establishment of a grand lodge of co-ordinate jurisdiction in that state, based upon principles which we believe would be fatal to the fraternal and social advantages of masonry.

Resolved, That we fraternally demand of the Grand Lodge of Washington a speedy reconsideration of its entire action upon the subject of negro masonry in the United States.

Eight special communications were held during the year, three of which were centennial celebrations of subordinate lodges.

M. W. C. C. Hutchinson, Grand Master, and R. W. S. D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Boston.

MICHIGAN, 1899.

The fifty-fifth annual communication was held at Port Huron, Jan. 24th and 25th, M. W. James Bradley, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-one lodges represented; three hundred and eighty-six on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership forty thousand, three hundred, and eighty-seven; gain eight hundred and thirty. Receipts \$18,553.92.

The deaths of Bro. Daniel Striker, past grand master, and Bro. Foster Pratt, past grand secretary, were announced. Their portraits and that of the grand master are given in the current volume.

There were eighteen approved decisions, the following being the only one of general interest:

5. Our oldest member dead; was suspended for nonpayment of dues; had paid up; neglected to reinstate. Can we give him masonic burial? If he stands suspended on your books at present time, you cannot give him masonic burial.

Inasmuch as the brother had settled all claims of his lodge, it most assuredly should have been granted the privilege of attending the funeral in an official capacity. As a rule the burial of non-affiliates may safely be left to the discretion of the local brethren, who have a better knowledge of the facts connected with each individual case. Technically speaking, the brother in question had forfeited his claims upon the fraternity, yet possibly he might have taken it for granted that the receipt in full was sufficient evidence of good standing, or the lodge might have been dilatory in the matter of reinstatement. Consequently if the grand master had answered yes

the peace and dignity of the Grand Lodge of Michigan would not have been seriously impaired by his action in the premises.

The invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted, with an appropriation of one cent per capita towards the programme, and a recommendation of suitable observance by the subordinate lodges; the resolution of non intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was rescinded; several amendments to the general regulations referring to dimits were adopted; the reports of the home show forty-six inmates, expense of maintenance \$6,464.78, and deficit \$2,305.40; a committee was appointed to memorialize the legislature to make the birthday of Bro. Lewis Cass, their first grand master, a legal holiday; an appropriation of \$500 was made to the home, in addition to the ten per cent per capita; the question of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material was referred to the next committee on jurisprudence; the report on foreign correspondence was limited to one hundred pages in future; amendments to the by-laws were adopted requiring lodge secretaries to make detailed statistical reports; a fire proof vault was ordered for the grand secretary; recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico was deferred; charters were granted to the two lodges under dispensation; the committee on obituaries submitted a voluminous report, which was printed with the proviso that hereafter their remarks be confined to Michigan brothers; a worshipful master was indefinitely suspended from the privileges of masonry for trafficking in unauthorized rituals; a collection of \$235.79 was taken to lift the mortgage from a brother's farm and another of \$61.47 for the relief of a brother's widow; new consecration vessels were ordered for ceremonial purposes; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

The grand secretary notes that each of the three brothers composing the committee on jurisprudence, appointed at the close of the session, is not only a past grand master, but also an ex chief justice of the supreme court of Michigan. Exhaustive reports may therefore be expected upon the Gran Dieta of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The previous committee on jurisprudence submitted the following report on negro masonry, which was adopted:

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on this question is one of great importance to the grand lodges of this country, far reaching in its conclusions, and tends to unsettle the masonic law governing grand lodges since 1872. To properly investigate this question and present it to grand lodge for action requires far more time than your committee has at its command; as it does not believe in severing masonic and fraternal relations with a sovereign grand body hastily and without due investigation. Your committee therefore, in the most fraternal spirit of brotherly love, asks our sister Grand Lodge of Washington, at its annual communication, to review its action on this question, and in the interest of harmony repeal its action and spread the cement of brotherly love, that which will reunite the great sisterhood of grand lodges into one grand and complete whole, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.

Your committee, relying upon the kindness and forgiving disposition of this grand lodge, which is ever ready to cover mistakes and extend the loyal right hand of fellowship, requests that it have until the next annual communication to make its report; and in the earnest hope that ere that time the cause for a report will be done away with by the fraternal action of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

A petition for recognition, signed by the master of a colored lodge and by the grand commander of a colored grand commandery was referred to the same committee, to report next year. It sets forth that the estranged relations between masons of the two races has largely nullified their usefulness; that the genuineness of negro masonry is no longer denied; that the only question to be determined is that of regularity; and that their grand lodge has a perfect chain through Ohio and Pennsylvania to Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the legality of which is now unquestioned. The author of this unique paper evidently believes that there is nothing lost by claiming everything in sight. It further states that the following constitutional amendment was unanimously adopted at the last session of their grand lodge:

Any and all organizations, associations, or persons within the State of Michigan, except the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan of white men and masons, professing to have any authority, power, or privilege in ancient craft masonry, are declared to be clandestine.

If this ambiguous clause means anything at all, it means that the so-called grand body has legislated itself out of any pretense to legitimate existence.

The statute of limitation did not seem to apply to the present report on correspondence, the grand secretary filling two hundred and seventy-two pages with first a synopsis of grand lodge doings in alphabetical order, which is too brief, and second a report on the topical plan, which goes to the other extreme. The reader can take his choice. From the sixteen lines devoted to Minnesota we quote:

An oration was delivered by R. C. Hine, grand orator, giving a history of freemasonry from its origin, which no man knows, down to date.

The correspondence report is by Bro. Irving Todd, Michigan receiving fraternal notice.

An interesting chapter is devoted to what it costs to run grand lodges, giving the expenditure tables in detail. The comparison between Michigan and Minnesota is not fair, however, as he omits the item of relief from his own and includes the \$2,745 expended in ours, also the \$2,000 to the widows' and orphans' fund. The latter is only a transfer, not an expenditure. If he includes the appropriation to their masonic home and deducts the \$2,000 from our own the difference will be immaterial when the size of the jurisdictions are taken into consideration. A grand lodge with forty thousand members can be administered at considerable less expense per capita than one with fifteen thousand. The tables require considerable emendation to serve the purpose for which they were compiled; in the existing form they are practically worthless.

M. : W. : F. T. Lodge, Detroit, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. S. Conover, Coldwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1899.

The eighty-first annual communication was held at Vicksburg, Feb. 8th and 9th, M. : W. : J. M. Stone, Grand Master. Two hundred and eighteen lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-eight on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations for new lodges; one charter revived. Membership nine thousand, three hundred, and forty-one; gain three hundred and thirty-one. Receipts \$6,696.73.

The death of Bro. W. G. Paxton, past grand master, was announced. His portrait and that of the grand master appear in the proceedings.

The following decisions were reported and approved:

1. I decided that the grand master could not restore a charter which had been declared forfeited by the grand lodge.
2. That every corner stone laid with masonic ceremonies must be placed in the northeast corner of the building.
3. That a non-affiliate is not entitled to any of the benefits of masonry unless he pays dues to some lodge within the state, but that he may elect to what lodge he will pay dues.

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru; a telegram of condolence was forwarded to Bro. M. M. Evans, past grand master, absent on account of the recent death of a son; the committee on conference reported that there was little prospect of co-operative action in the home matter, and was thanked and discharged; an appropriation of \$100 was made to the Washington memorial; the special committee on masonic home reported that its founding at this time was neither practicable or advisable; the committee on location of home reported progress and was continued; the first and second degrees were conferred on the youngest son of the grand secretary, born nine years after his first election to that office; charters were granted to eight lodges under dispensation, with one continued; a per capita tax of twenty-five cents was voted to the home endowment fund; the constitutional amendment providing for an increase of the grand secretary's salary was rejected; it was voted to give the six best prepared lodge returns honorable mention in the proceedings; the committee on law and jurisprudence presented its usual lengthy report of decisions rendered during the year; and appropriate memorials to Bro. W. G. Paxton were appended to the journal.

The following resolutions on negro masonry were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The most worshipful the grand lodge of masons in the state of Washington, at its annual grand communication in 1898, adopted a resolution declaring that it deemed it to the best interest of masonry that, if regular masons desire to establish within the state of Washington lodges which shall not hold their charters from said grand lodge for the better administration of their affairs, that it would not regard the establishment of such lodges and grand lodges an invasion of its jurisdiction, and will extend to them its sincere sympathy whereby there would be created lodges and a grand lodge which would exist in disregard of the heretofore received doctrine of American grand lodge jurisdiction, as set forth by this grand lodge at its annual grand communication in the year 1876 and at other times, in which it was asserted that the true doctrine of American grand lodge jurisdiction is that but one lawful grand lodge can exist in the same state or territory of the United States, and it would view the creation or recognition of a second grand lodge in any state or territory of the United States as unlawful and void, and in itself would operate as a severance of masonic intercourse with any grand lodge for violating this fundamental principle of masonic law; and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Washington, at its said annual grand communication, did adopt a resolution in which it "recognized as brother masons" a large number of persons who were initiated in lodges which exist by virtue of charters from pretended grand lodges which have been pronounced to be clandestine by the rightful grand lodges of the jurisdictions where they exist, the effect of which is to recognize as just and lawful masons individuals who are residents of territory not included in the state of Washington, and of lodges which do not exist by virtue of warrants or charters emanating from the grand lodge which exercises rightful jurisdictions in those states, and which persons and lodges have been pronounced to be clandestine by said grand lodges; and,

WHEREAS, This grand lodge has always maintained that every grand lodge is sovereign within its own limits, and has an inalienable right to determine the status and legality of every mason and masonic body existing, or claiming to exist, or exercising any mason right or authority, within the limits of its jurisdiction, and its decision is binding upon every mason and masonic body, wheresoever situated; and,

WHEREAS, This grand lodge views with apprehension and regret the improvident action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in attempting to overthrow two of the fundamental principles which form the basis of the compact existing between all the American grand lodges, and without whose presumed assent to them it would not have been recognized as a lawful grand lodge, as being destructive of the peace and harmony of the craft and calculated to sow the seeds of interminable discord, without effecting the end it contemplated, of compelling the other American grand lodges to recognize as lawful masons

and lodges those whom they had declared clandestine and unlawful, there being at the time neither such pretended masons nor lodges existing in the state of Washington, and its legislation being intended only to affect the status of individuals pretending to be masons and lodges pretending to be masonic in other grand jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, This grand lodge, in the assertion and maintenance of the principles of masonic law, which the Grand Lodge of Washington has outraged, feels compelled to throw off all masonic intercourse with any and every masonic lodge or grand lodge which shall disregard them; therefore be it

Resolved, That this grand lodge, deeply regretting the necessity and expediency of such action, will hereafter hold no masonic intercourse with the grand lodge heretofore existing as a lawful grand lodge in the state of Washington, or with any lodge or mason of its obedience, and prohibits any masonic intercourse by any lodge or mason of this jurisdiction with any lodge existing in or mason hailing from the state of Washington.

Resolved further, That the commission of R. W. Bro. B. L. Sharpstine, as the grand representative of this grand lodge to the Grand Lodge of Washington, be and the same is hereby recalled and vacated.

Resolved further, That this grand lodge regards the state of Washington as vacant masonic territory, and would look favorably upon the establishment of lodges in said state by any grand lodge choosing to exercise jurisdiction over it.

A well written report on foreign correspondence was presented as usual by Bro. A. H. Barkley. Of Minnesota he says:

Ten past grand masters modestly aided in the work of the grand body.

The Masonry of To-Day, its Teachings and Position in the World, was the subject of a well prepared oration delivered by Bro. R. C. Hine. This address contains many practical thoughts and forcible illustrations, and shows most clearly that the brother is familiar with the things about which he was talking.

Bro. Irving Todd is the writer of the correspondence report, and has done himself credit in the preparation of this production. His review of Mississippi is in a most fraternal spirit, and gives a statement of the most important matters brought before us at our session of 1897.

Under the head of District of Columbia he says:

We have had a little experience in this matter of granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and we have carefully observed the case of many who were hurried through regardless of time, and, so far as our knowledge extends, the good of masonry has not been advanced by the example of those who received the degrees under such circumstances, nor have those who were so made had their knowledge of the great principles of freemasonry increased by the plan adopted in bringing them to light. The old paths are best, and we could wish that the power to grant such dispensations had never been thought of in connection with the powers and rights of the grand master.

M.: W.: William Starling, Greenville, Grand Master;
R.: W.: J. L. Power, Jackson, reëlected Grand Secretary;
Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, foreign correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1899.

The seventy-ninth annual communication was held at Kansas City, Oct. 17th, 18th, and 19th, M.: W.: E. F. Allen, Grand Master. Three hundred and fifty lodges represented; five hundred and fifty-two on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters and our representative present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; five consolidations; four charters surrendered and three arrested. Membership thirty-two thousand, one hundred, and fifty-three, with nine lodges estimated; gain five hundred and ninety-eight. Receipts \$31,604.10.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Kansas were present in a body and formally welcomed.

The following was among the approved decisions:

3. Can a brother be legally elected and installed worshipful master outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he resides? Yes. What is his official standing if he is installed and serves the full term undisturbed, is he a legal or clandestine past master? A legal past master.

An able oration was delivered by Bro. W. W. Boyd, grand orator; the four large books containing the grand lodge reg-

ister having become filled, a change was made to the card system; the Gran Dieta of Mexico was not recognized; the historical committee reported progress and was continued; charters were granted to four lodges under dispensation; and delegates to the Washington memorial were appointed, with an appropriation of \$320 for that object.

The reports of the home indicate one hundred and fifteen inmates; expenditures \$16,847.99.

The usual able report on correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary. From the review of Minnesota the following extracts are taken:

The report of the grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, furnished a full and detailed report of his work. He had secured by industrious effort, returns from nearly all of the constituent lodges.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered what the secretary called "a finished oration," his theme being Love. He received the thanks of the grand master in the name of the grand lodge, and a request was made for a copy of the oration for publication in the proceedings.

A review of fifty-six grand lodge journals was made by the committee who has long since been in charge of that work, Bro. Irving Todd. The report embraces one hundred pages, and contains a brief summary of the transactions of the bodies reviewed. Missouri was recognized by the committee, and some appropriations were made from the address of our grand master. Bro. Todd quoted considerably from the report of this committee on correspondence. I appreciate his courtesy and compliments to this writer on correspondence, as well as grand secretary. * * * The report of Bro. Todd, while brief, is a well prepared document, largely written, and contains numerous comments upon quotations made.

M.: W.: C. H. Briggs, Fayette, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. D. Vincil, St. Louis, reelected Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1899.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Helena, Sept. 20th and 21st, M.: W.: C. W. Pomeroy, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; forty-five on the roll. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership three thousand; gain one hundred and fifty. Receipts \$4,361.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

There were seven approved decisions, including the following:

3. On the death, prior to installation, of a worshipful master, elected to succeed himself, the senior warden should act as master during the year.

5. An entered apprentice is not a member of a lodge, and cannot be counted to make a quorum in an entered apprentice lodge.

6. It is the right of the senior warden to preside in the absence of the master; and the master of a lodge, expecting to be absent at a future meeting, should not permit the lodge to designate, by a vote, a past master to preside at such future meeting.

7. The corner stone of a public edifice may be laid with masonic ceremony though, for physical reasons, the stone is placed in other than the northeast corner of the building.

The revised constitution was submitted by the special committee and adopted; the incoming grand master was requested to attend the Washington memorial, but the appropriation for his expenses was defeated; the subject of a masonic home was referred to a special committee; the mileage was reduced to four cents; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; the jurisprudence committee held that a candidate should be able to receive and impart all the essentials of masonic recognition, turning down the grand master's decision adverse to an artificial foot; a committee was appointed to supervise the printing of the revised constitution and code; a committee of all past grand masters was appointed to visit Bro. A. G. Clarke and convey to him the grand lodge sympathy in his affliction; a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master; an invitation to a trolley ride was accepted; and the signet ring was transmitted to the new grand master.

The grand secretary presents another of his interesting reports on fraternal correspondence, from which we quote as follows:

The proceedings of this grand lodge, at its forty-sixth annual communication, held Jan. 11th, 12th, of the present year, are just at hand, Mar. 7th, and bear as an introduction a good picture of their level headed grand master, A. T. Stebbins, of Rochester.

The district deputies are credited for more satisfactory work and reports. Surely, if they furnish the information called for in the blank prepared by Bro. Montgomery, they have to be diligent.

The grand secretary's general report overflows with valuable information and important suggestions. The need of a monitor is presented, with a tentative offer to prepare such a one. We hope he will receive encouragement and authority. Having completed the grand register, Bro. Montgomery is sighing for new worlds to conquer. * * * Bro. Montgomery counts thirty years since his first attendance at grand lodge, and he has seen great changes in that time. Himself constitutes a large factor in its history and enviable fame.

The second day's session was opened by an oration by Bro. H. R. Adams on the theme Love, not the sentimental sort that furnishes the pabulum of light literature, but the higher, holier, and purer variety, perhaps better expressed in the word charity; the kind described by the apostle, without which all other spiritual possessions are but "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals." The subject is well set forth by quotation and illustration. It is well worth turning to the appendix and reading.

Following this oration our Past Grand Master Langford, who before coming to Montana was master of Pacific Lodge of St. Paul, was called on for some account of early masonry in Montana, and entertained grand lodge from his abundant storehouse of experience. His brethren here will be glad to notice that he has not lost interest in our institution, in which he was once so prominent an actor, and whose memory is an inexhaustible mine of facts and experience. We commend him to the cultivators of the craft of the Twin Cities.

We notice the attendance as an active member, now senior grand warden, of Bro. A. D. Countryman, recently appointed our grand representative. And it was our pleasure within the past week to deliver the commission as their grand representative to our present junior grand warden and chief justice of our state, Bro. Theodore Brantly. We assure them that they are well represented.

Bro. Irving Todd, assistant grand secretary and author of the Digest, presents another of his characteristic correspondence reports. His experience at digesting makes him expert in condensing the contents of a volume. Montana always fares well at his hand. He is still unconverted to our new regulation, extending the life of a dispensation to a new lodge till it is constituted under charter. We cite him to a case in his own grand lodge at its last communication, in which a lodge was continued under dispensation.

Accompanying the proceedings, as well as in separate pamphlet, appear the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, prefaced with a fine picture of their president, G. R. Metcalf. This was their seventh annual reunion.

The case to which Bro. Hedges refers is entirely different. Our lodge under dispensation was refused a charter because

it had not complied with grand lodge regulations, but the dispensation was continued another year. Had the charter been granted there was no authority for continuing the dispensation. As a matter of fact there would be nothing left to continue. The charter dates from its granting by the grand lodge, not from the actual delivery of the parchment attesting such action. Therefore we hold that it is not good law to allow a lodge to have both a dispensation and a charter at the same time.

M. : W. : A. H. Barrett, Butte, Grand Master ; R. : W. : Cornelius Hedges, Helena, reëlected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1899.

The forty-second annual communication was held at Lincoln, June 7th, 8th, and 9th, M. : W. : F. H. Young, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirteen lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-nine on the roll. Twenty-three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One charter arrested. Membership eleven thousand, nine hundred, and forty-eight; gain one hundred and seventy-three. Receipts \$12,472.41.

The deaths of Bro. R. C. Jordan, their first grand master, and W. R. Bowen, grand secretary, were announced. The latter was one of the most competent and painstaking officials on record; his untimely end is undoubtedly due to attempting too much. Another personal friend is gone, and his brethren mourn.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following were among the approved decisions:

7. Funeral services may be held over the remains of a brother who is to be cremated.

10. A vote dimitting a brother, when announced by the master, cannot be reconsidered.

11. A freemason in good standing, living in any jurisdiction, may petition and, if elected, join a Nebraska lodge.

13. A profane may act as a pall bearer at a masonic funeral, but in that case the pall bearers should not be permitted in the procession

between the tyler and the master, as the lodge on such occasions consists of all who are between these two officers, and should be at all times duly tyled.

The following decisions were not approved:

6. A petition may be received and acted upon before the petitioner is twenty-one years old.

9. A brother continues to hold an office into which he has been installed until his successor has been installed, even though he is elected and installed into another office.

The recent action of the Grand Lodge of Peru was commended; a bronze medal was ordered struck in memory of their late past grand master; the grand treasurer and secretary were required to give bonds in a guaranty company, at the expense of the grand lodge; the master and secretary were required to certify annually that the proceedings had been read in open lodge at the first regular meeting after their receipt; \$350 were appropriated to put in use a card system of grand lodge registry; fraternal greetings were telegraphed to the Grand Lodge of Iowa; a brilliant address was delivered by Bro. W. S. Summers, grand orator; an amendment to the by-laws provides that lodge officers shall be installed in June, after the annual communication of the grand lodge, which does not strike us very favorably; the youngest son of the late grand secretary was adopted as the child of the grand lodge, with a pledge to exercise paternal care for his future education and welfare; and the saloon decisions of last year were not sustained, the chairman presenting the majority report and the other nine members of the jurisprudence committee the minority report.

The following action upon negro masonry was taken:

We have considered that portion of the grand master's annual address submitting the circular from the Grand Lodge of Washington, the pamphlet and letter from the Grand Lodge of New York, and the special report from the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to the so-called negro lodges, and fraternally report that by the action of this grand lodge, found in our proceedings of 1877, this grand lodge has put itself upon record as against the recognition of clandestine lodges

and masons such as are referred to; that the report on correspondence to this grand lodge for the then current year fully sets forth all the material facts of the history of clandestine negro lodges, and the action of the several grand masters and grand lodges which has been had in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington. We recommend that the action of this grand lodge in 1877 be reaffirmed, and that we earnestly urge upon the attention of the Grand Lodge of Washington its duty to rescind its action had at its communication in 1898.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. C. J. Phelps, who has had considerable experience in similar fields of labor. Considerable space is allotted to the life and services of the lamented Bro. Bowen, followed with papers upon a number of pertinent topics.

M.: W.: W. W. Keysor, Omaha, Grand Master; R.: W.: F. E. White, Plattsburgh, Grand Secretary and chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEVADA, 1899.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Virginia City, June 13th and 14th, M.: W.: Matthew Kyle, Grand Master. Sixteen lodges represented; twenty on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

No statistics of membership are given, but the address says that there is a slight decrease in numbers. Receipts \$1,374.50.

An enjoyable entertainment was tendered by the Eastern Star chapter; a constitutional amendment was adopted permitting the nearest lodge to a dormant lodge to make use of its material; the decree suspending fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru was revoked; an appropriation of \$25. was made to the Washington memorial; the salary of the grand secretary was increased to \$400; an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita was levied; and the digest prepared by Bro. A. D. Bird was referred to the committee on jurisprudence to report next year.

An able report on negro masonry was submitted by a special committee and adopted with but one dissenting vote, together with resolutions suspending fraternal intercourse with

the Grand Lodge of Washington. This action was set aside by the grand master in the following edict, bearing date July 1st:

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, held June 13th, A. D. 1899, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we fraternally request and demand of the Grand Lodge of Washington a reconsideration of its entire action on the subject of negro masonry; and that, until such time as the said grand lodge shall have withdrawn its recognition of illegally constituted lodges and clandestine masons, we recommend that the fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington and the members thereof, and all masons made in that jurisdiction, be suspended.

The Grand Lodge of Washington, at its annual communication held June 13th and 14th, 1899, having rescinded that portion of its resolutions recognizing the legitimacy of negro masonry, I therefore, in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, hereby proclaim that the edict of this grand lodge suspending fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, its members and all masons made in that jurisdiction, is removed; and I extend a hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge of Washington upon its return to its former conditions of fraternal love and peace with this and its sister grand jurisdictions.

While a merited proffer of the olive branch is always commendable, we fail to discover sufficient grounds in the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Washington to warrant a grand master in thus overruling the deliberate judgment of his grand lodge upon the subject.

Bro. A. D. Bird submitted his usual condensed report on foreign correspondence, with a half page on Minnesota. He says:

Bro. Irving Todd's review comprises ninety-six pages. He let little escape him of the main points of interest in each jurisdiction.

Many interesting things are to be found in the proceedings of the sixth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association.

M.: W.: J. M. McCormack, Reno, Grand Master; V.: W.: C. N. Noteware, Carson City, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. D. Bird, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1898.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at St. John, Aug. 23d and 24th, M.: W.: Thomas Walker, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; thirty-two on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative in the grand east.

Membership seventeen hundred and fifty-seven; loss twenty-four. Receipts \$1,809.50.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; the board of general purposes was authorized to engage a lecturer to visit and instruct subordinate lodges, if deemed advisable; and a silver mounted baton was presented by the grand master for the use of the grand director of ceremonies.

M.: W.: Thomas Walker, Grand Master, and V.: W.: J. T. Hartt, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1899.

At the semi-annual communication the apron formerly worn by Bro. I. G. Jordan, grand master in 1854-5, was presented to the grand lodge by his daughter, and accepted with thanks.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication was held at Concord, May 17th, M.: W.: John McLane, Grand Master. Forty-five lodges represented; seventy-eight on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership nine thousand, two hundred, and forty; gain sixteen. Receipts \$2,821.92.

The frontispiece is a group of the elective grand officers. There is also a cut of the masonic temple at Wilton, presented to Clinton Lodge No. 52 by Bro. D. A. Gregg, one of its past masters. It is said to be the handsomest one in the jurisdiction owned by a single organization.

The grand master decided that the absence of a lodge charter at a stated communication did not render the business transacted illegal.

A constitutional amendment was adopted providing that any brother who has served as an officer or on any standing committee of the grand lodge for ten consecutive years may be elected to permanent membership; an appropriation of \$50 was made for representation at the Washington memorial; and the salary of the grand secretary was fixed at \$800, an increase of \$100.

The committee on negro masonry submitted a calm and dispassionate report, which was adopted. The closing paragraph reads as follows:

The severing of fraternal relations with a sister grand lodge is a very serious and deplorable step to take. We sincerely hope and trust that it may not be necessary, and we ask of the Grand Lodge of Washington to re-examine the subject, feeling sure that they wish only the good of the fraternity in which they have already so prominent and worthy a position, and that they will reconsider the action already taken in relation to this subject of negro masonry, and remove all cause for further dissatisfaction with their position among the craft.

We recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the final determination of the subject of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington be postponed until the next annual communication.

The report on foreign correspondence was again from the scholarly pen of Bro. A. S. Wait, who fraternally writes of Minnesota as follows:

M. W. Bro. A. T. Stebbins present and presiding, whose address delivered on opening the grand body is marked with much ability and a clear and just perception of the principles of the masonic institution.

Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator, occupied the attention of the brethren during a portion of the morning session of the second day in the delivery of a very interesting address, his chosen theme being the great tenet of our order, Brotherly Love. It is a production of much elegance and literary finish, and is worthily published with the proceedings.

The report on correspondence was presented by that able brother and masonic scholar, Irving Todd, and contains a review of the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges. Besides very clear accounts of the transactions reviewed, he occasionally favored us with the views he holds upon questions arising thereupon. * * * Our transactions for 1898 have a full and fair notice, with comments kind and fraternal.

M.: W.: John McLane, Milford, Grand Master, and R.: W.: G. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1899.

The one hundred and twelfth annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 25th and 26th, M.: W.: J. W. Ewan, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty-three lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-seven on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership sixteen thousand, nine hundred, and seventy; gain four hundred and twenty-six. Receipts \$16,275.84.

A large number of special dispensations were reported; the physical qualifications of thirty candidates were officially inquired into during the year, thirteen failing to pass inspection; the completion of the revised manual was announced; the Grand Master of Delaware was welcomed as a visitor; the programme at the dedication of the home was ordered printed in the proceedings, a very elaborate affair; eighteen inmates at the home were reported, maintained at an expense of \$12,749.95; an unaffiliated mason for more than six months was denied the right of visitation; an affiliation fee of \$2 was levied for the home, dating back two years; \$200 was appropriated towards the expense of the Washington memorial; a stone from the quarries at Jerusalem was presented by Bro. Jacob Ringle; recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Lodge of Peru was deferred a year; the gavel with which the election of the grand master was declared last year was presented to his father, who cast the unanimous ballot; the cost of all additions to the home was ordered paid out of the permanent fund; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; a proposition to enter into correspondence with the grand lodges of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Tasmania, Hungary, Austria, Electic Union, Three Globes, Saxony, Zur Eintracht, and Mexico, with a view to recognition, was referred to the committee on foreign correspondence;

the representatives at the Washington memorial were voted their expenses; attention was called to the Bible upon the altar, printed in 1478; and it was decided that a brother should sign a dimit before its certification by the lodge officers.

An elaborate report on negro masonry emanated from the committee on foreign correspondence, which was unanimously adopted, together with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this grand lodge that the Grand Lodge of Washington, by its recognition of irregular and clandestine masons, has placed itself without the pale of regularity; in the assent it has volunteered in preparing the way for the formation of clandestine lodges, and a grand lodge within the occupancy of its own territorial jurisdiction, to the detriment of the masonic fraternity and to the confusion of interest in other masonic jurisdictions with which alliance has been of mutual accord; by assailment of the principle of grand lodge sovereignty, in an association abhorrent to the craft of regular free and accepted masons, by which it has itself derogated to the condition of clandestinity.

Resolved, That this grand lodge reiterates the irregular and clandestine status affixed to certain men claiming to be masons at the annual communication of 1871; in avowment of the preservation of legitimate masonry, and the purity of its source, essential to true craftsmen, hereby orders the severance of fraternal relations and intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and the members thereof. This interdict to be of immediate force.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. G. B. Edwards in his accustomed able manner. Under the head of Minnesota is found the following:

The consummation of the report on correspondence was by the reappointment of Bro. Irving Todd to the chairmanship.

The observation, "to hold fast to all the old forms, usages, and ceremonies as they have come down to us from the misty past," Bro. Todd concurs in and applies the sentiment in the following:

We hold that a lodge may be lawfully opened in the absence of the master and wardens under the authority of ancient usage, and that any proviso to the contrary is wholly uncalled for, unnecessary, and conceived in the up-to-date notion of regulating masonic procedure exclusively by statute. The power of a master to congregate his lodge is now limited by the by-laws, which fix the time and place of holding regular meetings. There is some excuse for this change, but none whatever for the other.

With permission may it be said, the brother clothes this power "under the authority of ancient usage," but fails to state who is to wear the garment, whether whole or in shreds from its appendage of "ancient;" in either case it would hardly be a garb for the present era. As the brother gives no personality to this "authority of ancient usage" it is impossible to discover the gender, and the circumstances of his investiture will have to be denominated—it. To whom would "it" be responsible for acts and deeds? A grand lodge could not pursue "it," for there has been no covenant with "it." As a negative quantity "it" may be deemed a chimera, a delusion, and a snare, unless the brother means the grand master or his duly appointed authority for that particular business. Well, then? Why, yes, certainly, but he is no "it."

There may be a joke concealed in the above quotation, but not having been favored with plans and specifications we are wholly unable to appreciate it. It in this connection refers to the presumed aforesaid joke, and not to Bro. Edwards' "it," a child of his own begetting. "For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born."

Our paragraph was the windup of a discussion with Bro. Schultz, of Maryland, upon the lodge opening controversy. If Bro. Edwards had taken the trouble to examine the previous page he would have been spared an extravagant waste of gray matter.

M. W. J. W. Ewan, Mount Holly, Grand Master, and R. W. T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. G. B. Edwards, Jersey City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1898.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Albuquerque, Oct. 3d and 4th, M. W. J. W. Poe, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; twenty-one on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Membership eight hundred and eighty-one; gain twenty-seven. Receipts \$881.

The portraits are of two past grand masters.

The grand master held that a non-affiliate may receive masonic burial when a majority of the lodge members desire

it; that a suicide is entitled to masonic burial; and that a candidate who had lost his right thumb at the second joint is not a fit subject for the degrees. These decisions are in accord with the established usage.

The revised constitution and by-laws was submitted, and referred to a special committee to report next year. It appears as an appendix to the proceedings.

A partial report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bros. Max Frost and W. H. Seamon, that of Bro. T. J. Curran not being received in time for publication. Minnesota was again allotted to Bro. Seamon, who says:

The address of the grand master is a business like statement of his actions, and shows that he has been faithful, even in small things. He refused to issue a dispensation to confer the degrees without fee on a minister, believing that if the degrees are worth anything to any person they are worth paying for. As a general proposition we think his action a wise one, but we would admire it more had he based his decision upon higher grounds, the basic principles of an institution inculcating equality.

A resolution was passed making it unmasonic for any mason to join any organization of a business character using the term masonic to obtain business. This hits the nail squarely upon the head, and ought to prove an effectual remedy for the infernal nuisance.

Bro. Hines delivered an interesting, although not a learned address, on the origin of freemasonry.

The report on foreign correspondence, by Bro. Irving Todd, is a model document. New Mexico for 1896 is reviewed without comment requiring answer here.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association accompany the proceedings of the grand lodge, and are very interesting indeed.

M. : W. : R. C. Stewart, Socorro, Grand Master; R. : W. : A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max Frost, Santa Fe, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1899.

The one hundred and eighteenth annual communication was held at New York, June 6th, 7th, and 8th, M. : W. : W. A. Sutherland, Grand Master. Seven hundred and thirty-three

lodges represented; seven hundred and forty-five on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership ninety-eight thousand, one hundred, and eighty; gain twenty-seven hundred. Receipts \$73,945.15.

The portraits are of two past grand treasurers and Bro. A. A. Treat, their oldest permanent member.

The Grand Master of Canada, the Grand Master of New Jersey, and other distinguished visitors were present.

The death of Bro. R. P. Flower, chairman of the hall and asylum committee, was announced.

The reports of the house show two hundred and forty-four inmates and an expenditure of \$67,068.03; the grand librarian reported an increase of five hundred and nineteen bound volumes; the grand historian has compiled a roster of the brethren engaged in the civil war, the names filling thirty-nine pages of the proceedings; the board of relief reported the purchase of a building as a shelter for worthy applicants; the constitutional amendments of last year were adopted; the unanimous ballot for the grand master elect was cast by his venerable father, but the gavel was not smashed as happened during a like occurrence in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey last year; a facsimile of Bro. A. A. Treat's letter of thanks for telegram of congratulation faces his portrait; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Grand Master of Sweden; the grand secretary was directed to convey their best wishes to Bro. Oscar Coles, the oldest living past grand master; the committee on monument to Bro. J. L. Lewis, past grand master, reported progress; the committee appointed to compile the names of members engaged in the Spanish war reported one thousand recorded, which were ordered printed in next year's proceedings; an amendment fixing the per diem at \$5 and the mileage at three cents was adopted; their plan of granting dimitts was amended, and is now substantially like ours in Minnesota; charters were granted to the three lodges under dispensation; \$1,000 were appropriated to the Washington memorial; the committee on Cuban relief made a detailed report of the charities extended; a portrait of the retiring grand master was presented

as the gift of various brethren, and his addresses were ordered printed in pamphlet form for general distribution.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence concerning negro masonry was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

The Grand Lodge of New York, holding views directly opposite to those enunciated in the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington, cannot, under any circumstances, give its countenance thereto, and most earnestly protests against the attempt of the Grand Lodge of Washington to invade its territory by the recognition of negro lodges, or a negro grand lodge therein, which the Grand Lodge of New York has declared to be clandestine.

The Grand Lodge of New York, in its adherence to the principle of grand lodge sovereignty, claims the same protection for itself that it is at all times willing to concede to all other sister grand lodges.

In conclusion, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Washington, by virtue of its proposition to clothe with regularity negro masons (declared by all other grand lodges to be clandestine), and to grant permission for the creation of lodges of colored persons tracing their origin to African Lodge No. 459 (heretofore declared to have been an irregular and clandestine organization), and also in yielding its sovereignty as a supreme grand body, by the proposition to share its jurisdiction with a colored grand lodge when established within its lines, thereby threatens to place itself without the line of regular freemasonry, and is no longer worthy of the support and association of sister grand lodges.

Resolved, That this departure from the principle of exclusive grand lodge jurisdiction, its relinquishment of the position of a supreme grand lodge, is such a radical and unmasonic procedure as to merit the unqualified condemnation of this grand lodge.

Resolved, That this grand lodge emphasizes the fact that it has never recognized aught but regular masons and regular masonic bodies, and holding to the maintenance of this essential principle, both now and in the future, it cannot continue masonic relations with a grand lodge which departs from the strict line of legitimacy and purity of organization in its associates.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New York fraternally protests against the aforesaid action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and, indulging the hope that at its annual communication of June, 1899, the Grand Lodge of Washington may repeal the action heretofore had, it is recommended that the matter be left in the hands of the grand master, elected at this grand lodge, to take such action (hereafter) as will maintain the dignity of this grand lodge, expressive of its adherence to the principle of supreme and exclusive grand lodge jurisdiction, and its discomenence of association with clandestine masons, or of any bodies, grand or subordinate, composed of such clandestine masons.

The addresses and correspondence of the grand master during the year form a considerable portion of the appendix.

The report on foreign correspondence was the skilled hand-

work of Bro. J. B. Anthony, with translations of the proceedings of foreign bodies by Bro. Emil Frenkel. Minnesota receives a very fraternal notice, from which we quote the following:

We agree with the grand master upon the folly of cheapening freemasonry, and we should deem the minimum fee prescribed by the constitution of this grand lodge as too low.

In his reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing negro masonry the grand master, in connection with a brief summary of the proceedings, expressed an opinion almost universally held to be correct.

Another grand lodge registry has been fully written up, and consequently another grand secretary rejoices thereat.

The grand orator, W. H. R. Adams, delivered a finished oration on Love, the perusal of which has been a treat to us.

The report on correspondence—W. Irving Todd—covers the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges. New York for 1898 is among the numbers reviewed, and we express our appreciation of kind fraternal mention.

The proceedings of the seventh annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, held at St. Paul, Jan. 10th, 1899, are appended to the proceedings. Several valuable and interesting historical papers read at the meeting are made a matter of record.

Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 still heads the list with the largest membership, eight hundred and sixteen.

M. W. W. D. Pownall, Grand Master; R. W. E. M. L. Ehlers, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of New York; Bro. J. B. Anthony, Utica, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1899.

The one hundred and twelfth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 10th, 11th, and 12th, M. W. W. E. Moore, Grand Master. Two hundred and seven lodges represented; three hundred and seven on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; three charters restored, and two surrendered. Membership ten thousand, nine hun-

dred, and fifty-four; gain four hundred and fifty-four. Receipts \$6,126.20.

The death of Bro. J. H. Mills, founder of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, was announced. The portraits are of the grand master, Bro. Benjamin Smith, grand master in 1808-10, and Bro. J. H. Mills.

The reports of the orphan asylum show two hundred and seventeen inmates, expenditures \$25,973.01; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; an extemporaneous address was delivered by Bro. Locke Craig, grand orator; three charters were granted to lodges under dispensation; the grand secretary was instructed to procure all the portraits of past grand masters not now in possession of the grand lodge; the grand tyler was authorized to purchase suitable and modern paraphernalia for the use of grand lodge officers; it was resolved that the organization of Eastern Star chapters be encouraged throughout the jurisdiction; it was held that the ceremony of laying a corner stone should be performed in open lodge, called for that purpose alone; appropriations of \$50 were made to the Washington memorial and \$100 towards the expenses of their representatives in attendance; thanks were tendered to Bro. F. D. Winston for the gift of a Bible to be used on the grand lodge altar; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The committee on jurisprudence presented a report on negro masonry, which was adopted. It concludes as follows:

Your committee, therefore, without extended presentation of their reasons, which are almost self evident, and which it will be a useless consumption of the time of the grand lodge further to set forth, are of the opinion that so long as the resolutions of June, 1898, remain upon the records of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the masons of North Carolina can have no fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, nor with the masons under its jurisdiction. We therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the grand master of masons in North Carolina be directed to notify the grand master of masons in Washington that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has suspended all fraternal relations and masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington; that its representative near this grand body be requested to withdraw his credentials, and the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Washington is requested to return his credentials, and is no longer empowered to represent this grand body near that jurisdiction.

Resolved further, That the North Carolina lodges are instructed not to admit to masonic intercourse any mason who is a member of any lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Resolved further, That this step is taken not in anger, but in sincere pain, and that the masons in North Carolina earnestly trust that the Grand Lodge of Washington may in its discretion see fit to rescind its former action and to return to the ancient landmarks which, in the opinion of the masons of North Carolina, have been invaded.

Resolved further, that the secretary of this grand body transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The report on foreign correspondence was again submitted by Bro. J. A. Collins, a well digested and most fraternal paper. Of Minnesota he says:

The address of the grand master, J. F. Lawless, is a plain, unpretentious accounting of his official acts for the year.

The oration of Bro. R. C. Hine is an interesting contribution to masonic literature, and considers the environments of the past and future and their influence on the evolution of the fraternity.

Quite an entertaining feature of the appendix is the report of the sixth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association. To the members of the order in Minnesota these proceedings must be of great value. The organization is in a healthy condition numerically and financially, and, as the secretary says, "a complete file of the proceedings in a few years will furnish each member with an authentic history of masonry in Minnesota."

The report on correspondence, which is furnished to his brethren by Bro. Irving Todd, will give them a broader view of masonry than they can procure anywhere else. By reading these ninety-six pages an intelligent conception of the condition and works of fifty-nine English speaking grand lodges can readily be formed. Among the grand lodges reviewed Bro. Todd gives generous space to North Carolina for 1897 and a kindly welcome to her reporter.

M.: W.: R. J. Noble, Selma, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. C. Drewry, Raleigh, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. A. Collins, Enfield, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1899.

The tenth annual communication was held at Fargo, June 20th and 21st, M.: W.: G. H. Keyes, Grand Master. Forty-two lodges represented; fifty on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, one hundred, and sixty-nine; gain two hundred and ninety-eight. Receipts \$3,847.97.

The deaths of Bro. F. A. Briggs, past grand treasurer and governor of the state, and Bro. T. J. Wilder, past grand secretary, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master, Bro. F. A. Briggs, and Bro. T. J. Wilder and wife. There are also cuts of the proposed masonic temple at Fargo and the hall of their army lodge at Manila.

The grand master reported that he had directed one of their lodges, which had initiated and passed a candidate living in Minnesota, to remit the fees to the lodge having jurisdiction and relinquish all claim to the material.

The first corner stones in the history of the grand lodge were laid during the year; four lodges which had neglected to pay their fines for failure to send their annual returns in time were given thirty days to settle up or have their charters arrested; brief greetings were cabled to their Manila lodge, possibly our famous Minnesota toast, ho; an amendment to the by-laws was adopted, providing that no entered apprentice or fellow craft shall be stopped except by the preferring of charges; an invitation to a theatre party was presumably accepted, as there was no evening session; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was declined; charters were granted to the five lodges under dispensation; Fargo was designated as the place of holding the annual communications for the next five years, by an amendment to the by-laws; one delegate from lodges under dispensation was allowed per diem and mileage; the state was divided into thirteen districts for the purpose of holding lodges of instruction, the grand lecturer to receive \$5 per day and hotel expenses, to be paid jointly by the lodges in the district; the acts of a lodge which had never had its charter vised since the division of the Dakotas were legalized; an appropriation of \$1,208 was made towards fitting up an office in the new temple, the rent and heating being gratuitous; the grand master elect was instructed to call the attention of the Grand Master of Minnesota to their comity resolution of 1897; and a resolution of fraternal regards was

extended to their lodge under dispensation in the Philippine Islands.

There was no reference to the Grand Lodge of Washington or the subject of negro masonry.

M.: W.: J. A. Percival, Devil's Lake, Grand Master; R.: W.: F. J. Thompson, Fargo, reëlected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1899.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Annapolis, June 14th and 15th, M.: W.: T. B. Flint, Grand Master. Forty-two lodges presented; sixty-two on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership three thousand, four hundred, and six; loss forty-seven. Receipt \$3,373.05.

The first order of business was attendance upon divine service, with a sermon by Bro. Henry How, rector of St. Luke's Church.

The death of Bro. Lewis Johnstone, past grand master, was announced.

The Grand Master of New Brunswick and several past grand officers from that jurisdiction were received with grand honors; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; another special committee was appointed to consider the proposed consolidation with New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; the grand master was requested to attend the Washington memorial, with an appropriation of \$150 for his expenses; the revised constitution was presented and referred back to be printed; the rank of past district deputy grand master was conferred upon seven brethren; the lodge room in which the sessions were held was dedicated in ample form; and a number of letters and telegrams from absent members were read.

The report on foreign correspondence was another composite affair, Minnesota again being passed upon by the chairman of the committee, who says:

R. W. H. R. Adams was the grand orator of the communication, and chose as his subject Love. Many of his periods show very vivid

imagery of a style not popular in this country, but towards the end he draws some very practical lessons in the application of this teaching in the tenets of the craft.

R. W. Bro. Irving Todd presented an interesting report on foreign correspondence, in which Nova Scotia is duly noticed.

We read with much interest the papers read before the seventh annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association, which are printed as an appendix to this volume.

M. : W. : T. B. Flint, Yarmouth, Grand Master, and R. : W. : William Ross, Halifax, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1899.

The ninetieth annual communication was held at Toledo, Oct. 25th and 26th, M. : W. : R. C. Gulliford, Grand Master. Four hundred and ninety lodges represented; five hundred and one on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

One charter surrendered. Membership forty-four thousand, two hundred, and one; gain thirteen hundred and fifty-three. Receipts \$33,444.50.

The deaths of Bro. E. T. Carson, the eminent masonic scholar, and Bro. C. C. Kiefer, past grand master, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. Sidney Moore, donor of the masonic temple at Delaware.

The grand master reported the renewal of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee by the interchange of representatives, a happy termination of an unpleasant episode, the request very properly coming from Tennessee.

The following interesting information appears in the address:

So far as I have been able to learn, clandestine masonry in Ohio is fast becoming a thing of the past. The lodges are closing their doors and the members openly renouncing allegiance to these so-called masonic bodies.

Among the corner stones laid was that of the Moore Masonic Temple in the city of Delaware, the generous gift of one of the oldest members of Hiram Lodge.

Under the head of Cerneau Litigation the grand master said:

I am pleased to state at this session of the grand lodge that the cases which have been pending in the courts for several years, in the matter of cerneau masonry, are at an end, and the grand lodge has been sustained in that it has the right to say whether or not legitimate or illegitimate masonry shall be builded upon its foundation.

An invitation to a trolley ride was accepted; the grand secretary reported that he had sold five tons of their surplus proceedings for \$36.82; the special committee on veteran membership reported adversely to the proposed exemption from lodge dues; two charters were granted for the establishment of new lodges; the grand secretary was authorized to have duplicate copies made of lodge returns, but a grand lodge register would have been far better and less expensive; the report of the home shows one hundred and twenty-nine inmates, and expense account of \$19,709.69; an appropriation of \$4,000 was made to the home, in addition to the per capita tax; Bro. S. S. Williams, past grand master, announced the donation of his valuable masonic library to the grand lodge, which was accepted by an unanimous standing vote, and the matter was referred to a special committee; an appropriation of one cent per capita was made to the Washington memorial; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; and a special committee was appointed to procure consecration vessels for the use of the grand lodge.

The following special report of the committee on foreign correspondence was adopted:

In relation to the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington, referred to your committee, the subject matter therein has been fully considered in the general report of your committee, and, as the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington now claim that it has reconsidered its unfraternal action, no further action in relation thereto is deemed necessary upon the part of this grand lodge.

The usual exhaustive report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, with the following pertaining to Minnesota :

The annual address of Grand Master Stebbins, whose portrait faces the title page of the printed proceedings, is an able report of all official acts pertaining to his office.

He cites the names of several grand lodges that have taken no action in relating to the unwarranted procedure of the Grand Lodge of Washington, among which he mentions the Grand Lodge of Ohio; in reply to which it is only necessary to say that the Grand Lodge of Ohio, previous to its annual communication in October, had received no official notice whatever from the Grand Lodge of Washington in that connection, and doubtless other grand lodges also had no official notice of the action of that grand lodge.

The tenth annual report of R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary, is a very complete summary of official transactions in that grand office.

At the morning session of the second day the grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, of Minneapolis, delivered a finished oration, his theme being Love.

The committee, to whom was referred "the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington pertaining to colored masonry," reported that they did not "feel warranted in passing judgment on said action without full access to the arguments, claims, and history presented to that grand body," etc., and that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota had fully defined the status of colored freemasonry in that jurisdiction in 1877. Although the report was adopted by the grand lodge, in the opinion of your committee the importance of the subject would at least have warranted the committee in asking further time for its consideration, or in the republication in their report of the previous action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1877 upon that subject; the report of the committee would then have had much less the appearance of an evasion of the very important subject submitted for their consideration.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted by R. W. Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee, is an able and conservative resume of the printed proceedings of fifty-six grand bodies. Among the number Ohio for 1898 receives courteous and fraternal notice. * * * The kind words and sympathetic expressions of our esteemed brother for the writer are most fully appreciated.

Under the head of Washington he says :

A circular letter reporting the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington, at its annual communication held in June, 1899, in its repeal of the obnoxious enactments in re negro masonry, has been sent out in advance of its volume of proceedings, and is herewith submitted in full. In the opinion of your committee a plain, straightforward, manly repeal of the offensive resolutions would have been more satisfactory, without the circumlocution and diplomatic wordiness of the paper—with seemingly its string attachments that apparently make it of doubtful interpretation, and would even seem to repeal in one sense but re-enact in another—and which also places dangerous powers in the hands of its subordinate lodges, as may be noted in the paragraphs therein italicized by your committee.

The review of that jurisdiction concludes with a reproduction of telegraphic responses from thirty grand masters in opposition to their position, secured by the master of one of the Seattle lodges for use in the grand lodge.

M. W. E. L. Lybarger, Spring Mountain, Grand Master; R. W. J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1899.

The seventh annual communication was held at Oklahoma City, Feb. 14th and 15th, M. W. E. M. Bamford, Grand Master. Twenty-nine lodges represented; thirty-five on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; one lodge defunct. Membership eighteen hundred and ninety-five; gain four hundred and thirty-one. Receipts \$794.25.

The portraits are of the grand master and grand secretary.

Among the approved decisions was the following:

8. Can an officer, worshipful master or wardens of a chartered lodge be dimitted? No, unless they remove permanently from the jurisdiction of their lodge.

The Grand Secretary of Indian Territory was an honored visitor; a brief but very good address was delivered by Bro. Charles Day, grand orator; a banquet was tendered by the

ladies of the Eastern Star; opportunity was given the members to call upon a brother stricken with paralysis; seven charters were granted to lodges under dispensation; the committee on work was directed to have the third degree exemplified on the first evening of future sessions; the master of a defunct lodge, who had gone east with the seal and charter, was ordered to return the same or have charges preferred against him; the senior past master present was authorized to open a lodge in the absence of master and warden; the salary of the grand lecturer was fixed at \$300, with \$1 per day and hotel bill to be paid by the lodges for at least one yearly visit; the grand secretary was authorized to buy a typewriter; and the past grand masters were invited to present their portraits, life size, to the grand lodge.

Upon the recommendation of the grand master a special committee was appointed to draft a letter to the Grand Lodge of Washington, respectfully urging her to retrace her steps in the recognition of negro masonry.

A quite lengthy report on foreign correspondence was presented by the grand secretary in the way of making up for lost time, the introductory pages being devoted to Mexican and negro masonry, which are treated as twin evils. In the two pages allotted to Minnesota are found the following fraternal allusions:

It is refreshing to note that this grand lodge allows no foolishness when it comes to a violation of masonic law.

A good practical address by the grand orator, Bro. R. C. Hine, is printed in the proceedings. Some of his remarks are so appropriate to the times that they are well worth appropriating.

Bro. Irving Todd submits the report on foreign correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of fifty-nine grand lodges and condenses his report to ninety-six pages of the journal. Oklahoma, 1897, is given space in his review. The report is a valuable one, and none the less so for its brevity.

Under the head of Utah is found the following interesting explanation:

In regard to the name of one of our lodges (Wah Shah She) he exclaims, "what a name for a masonic lodge." We beg to explain to Bro. Diehl the meaning and cause of applying this name to one of our

lodges. Wah Shah She is the name of a tribe of Indians, commonly called by white people Osage, but invariably called by themselves Wah Shah She. They are said to be the wealthiest people, per capita, in the known world. In establishing the first lodge in their nation they named it after their tribe, and, being the first, the name was very appropriate. J. M. Palmer, a full blood, was their first master. He is a gentleman, a graduate, and made an able master. The lodge is prosperous, and it will probably never be embarrassed by lack of money or good material.

M.: W.: W. L. Eagleton, Pawnee, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Hunt, Stillwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1899.

The forty-ninth annual communication was held at Portland, June 14th, 15th, and 16th, W.: M.: J. B. Cleland, Grand Master. Ninety-five lodges represented; ninety-nine on the roll. Twelve past grand masters and our representative present.

One charter arrested; two lodges consolidated. Membership five thousand and five; gain fifty-nine. Receipts \$5,594.⁰².

The death of Bro. G. M. Stroud, grand lecturer and past grand master, was announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following were among the decisions reported and approved:

3. Is it incumbent on a master mason holding a dimit, who has applied for membership and been rejected, to contribute to support of the grand lodge? No.

4. A lodge by rejecting a petition for membership by affiliation cannot deprive a mason of the right to lodge burial.

5. A brother makes an objection to the advancement of a candidate upon the request of another brother; is such objection legal? Yes.

9. A candidate was initiated and not advanced because of objection made; it is two years since the first degree was taken. Can he be advanced without another ballot being had? No; the legal effect of objection in this jurisdiction is the same as that of a black ball.

12. Can a lodge entertain a petition for affiliation from a brother who is a citizen and resident of another state? No.

13. Can a royal arch mason, not being an actual past master, confer the past master degree on a master elect? No; nor can chapter past masters be present when the past master degree is conferred on a worshipful master elect.

22. A master mason has signed the petition to form a new lodge, applies for dimit, all arrearages being paid. Can his lodge refuse to grant it? Yes.

The last decision is justly open to criticism. The others are reproduced as illustrating the different manner of doing things which prevails in different jurisdictions.

Under the head of negro masonry, so-called, the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was reviewed in the address, concluding as follows:

Practically the universality of masonry in the states of the American union depends upon whether or not each grand lodge will recognize and respect the judgment and determination of each other grand lodge as to what constitutes a regular mason. If a grand lodge may accept one as a regular mason who is held to be clandestine by the grand lodge within whose jurisdiction the claimant was made, then one held a regular mason within the jurisdiction where made may be found and declared clandestine in any other grand jurisdiction. The power to accept implies the power to reject. The only sound reason for recognizing certificates and dimitts from other jurisdictions is found in the common consent of all masons that each grand lodge has power and right to determine who within its jurisdiction are regular masons and who are not.

To establish any principle in derogation of this authority will destroy the comity and masonic harmony which has heretofore prevailed throughout the United States.

No less pernicious in practice would be the institution of two or more grand lodges in a state, each claiming jurisdiction of ancient craft masonry. If in such case one is to be subordinate to the other, no necessity for the second exists. If each is independent of the other, conflict of jurisdiction would arise and confusion prevail. If two, why not more than two; and what should be the lowest and what the highest number permissible? The results within the state would be unsatisfactory, and beyond its jurisdiction it would be an open question which grand lodge, if any, would be recognized. This grand lodge ought not to leave its position on these questions uncertain. One held to be a clandestine mason by the grand jurisdiction where made must on the same record be held clandestine everywhere by all regular masons. Jurisdiction of ancient craft masonry can be rightfully exercised by one grand lodge, and but one, in any state of the union.

The special committee on grand master's address reported as follows, which was adopted:

That we approve and heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by our most worshipful grand master in his address on the subject of negro masonry in the grand jurisdiction of Washington.

The invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted, with an appropriation of one cent per capita; the special committee reported that more than two-thirds of the lodges were in favor of the semi-centennial celebration, and would meet their share of the expense; the committee on revision of grand lodge by-laws were granted another year's time; the librarian was instructed to turn over a set of their proceedings to the grand master, to be delivered to his successor; provision was made from the educational fund for extending assistance to indigent children in obtaining an education; a proposed constitutional amendment limiting jurisdiction over rejected material to five years was lost; the committee on jurisprudence held that the death of the accuser did not affect the status of pending charges; members of a committee on petition were prohibited from asking any question of the applicant, or divulging names to a profane; the chairman of the educational fund and grand treasurer were required to give bonds, as they always should have done. Mackey's Manual of the Lodge was adopted as the authorized text book; all laws and regulations referring to a past master's degree were repealed; the constitution was amended by substituting three custodians of the work in place of a grand lecturer, the grand lodge to pay their traveling and the lodges their other expenses; a jewel was presented to Bro. Jacob Mayer, past grand master; the report of the semi-centennial committee was withdrawn; and a resolution of fraternal greeting was extended to Bro. J. R. Bayley, past grand master, with an appropriation of \$100 for his benefit.

Bro. Robert Clow submitted his fifth report on foreign correspondence, one of his best efforts. Of Minnesota he fraternally speaks as follows:

An interesting address was delivered by Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator; subject, Brotherly Love.

In one hundred pages Bro. Irving Todd reviews the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges in an able and interesting manner. * * * Two pages of his space is given to the proceedings of Oregon for 1898, in which the work of the session is summarized in a courteous and fraternal spirit, and the report of the committee is spoken of in complimentary terms.

Bro. Clow holds that the tendency of some of our grand lodges to pattern after modern secret organizations is very much to be regretted; that a brother may petition for membership in any lodge within the grand jurisdiction where he resides; that the disposition of ancient craft lodges to ape the theatrical scenes and gaudy display of ephemeral institutions merits the severest condemnation; that a grand lodge has no more right to make a written copy of the ritual than has an individual mason; that it is the master's prerogative to remove an appointed officer when in his judgment the welfare of the lodge demands it; and that, while favorably inclined to the Eastern Star, a grand lodge has no authority to legislate for it or to record its doings.

M.: W.: J. M. Hodson, Portland, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. F. Robinson, Eugene, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. Robert Clow, Junction City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1898.

The usual emergency lodge was held for the purpose of making masons at sight, and three candidates railroaded through the three degrees in four and a quarter hours.

At the June quarterly the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; three petitions for new lodges were referred to the elective grand officers, with power to act; and the warrant of Lodge No. 101, granted in 1804, was returned by the state librarian, into whose hands it had fallen.

At the December quarterly grand officers were elected; a series of resolutions and loving cup were presented to Bro. T. R. Patton, grand treasurer since 1873; the grand charity fund was reported at \$75,500, the Girard bequest at \$63,950, the

Patton fund at \$56,000, and the Stephen Taylor bequest at \$9,789; the temple debt was reduced \$77,100, leaving it \$258,150; and the fourth volume of the reprint was reported ready for delivery.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R.: W.: W. J. Kelly, Grand Master. Seventy-one lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-nine on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Four new lodges constituted. Membership fifty-two thousand and sixty; gain one thousand and twenty-nine. Receipts \$142,173.37.

The portraits are of Bro. W. A. Sinn, grand secretary, and Bro. Anthony Bournonville and Bro. James Hutchinson, past grand masters.

The grand master decided that an entered apprentice who failed to pass a satisfactory examination should be deprived of advancement; that it is not necessary at a masonic funeral that all of the pall bearers be masons; that if a lodge treasurer refuses to obey the by-laws it is the duty of the master to declare the office vacant; that no masonic clothing is permitted at funerals; that a supper and dance cannot be given under lodge auspices; that age has nothing to do with the qualifications of a petitioner for invitation and membership; and that no lodge can be opened in the absence of the master and wardens except by authority of the grand master.

An interesting address was delivered by Bro. J. F. Sachse, narrating the unearthing of Benjamin Franklin's first ledger containing his business accounts from July 4th, 1730, up to the time possession was obtained of an old lodge book, known to fame as Liber B. Facsimiles of several pages are given, including items of printing done for masons and sales of his constitution, the earliest masonic book printed in this country. It confirms the general impression that the so-called lodges existing in Philadelphia before 1749 were wholly without warrant, and that the annual grand lodges were merely general meetings of the craft similar to those held in England prior to 1717. This is the only historical value attached to the discovery, in our opinion.

The Grand Master of Delaware and the Grand Master of New Jersey were among the visitors; the grand officers were installed; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

A special report upon the Grand Lodge of Washington was made by the committee on correspondence, which was unanimously approved and ordered to be printed. It concludes as follows:

When, therefore, a grand lodge with which we are in fraternal relations recognizes another body in our jurisdiction which we consider clandestine, it gives us just cause for complaint and justifies us in taking such measures as will protect our supremacy and sovereignty.

The Grand Master of Washington asserts that their action in this matter is a matter of internal affairs and private judgment, and so it is. But it is also a matter of external or foreign concern in its effect upon other grand lodges when it trenches upon their jurisdiction and authority. The Grand Lodge of Washington must recognize and fraternize with either one or the other of the grand lodges in this jurisdiction, but it cannot maintain fraternal relations with both. Having recognized a grand lodge in this jurisdiction which is clandestine, it has given us cause of complaint which our self-respect compels us to notice and govern ourselves accordingly.

We therefore recommend that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington be suspended until that grand lodge shall have withdrawn its recognition of the clandestine lodges in this jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence was another joint affair, Bro. B. W. James reviewing Minnesota for 1897 and 1898 in five pages, chiefly devoted to extracts.

Under the head of Maryland the following reference is made to one of their peculiar practices:

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never performed any masonic work in public and never will. It is true that the grand master was invited to lay the corner stone of the new capitol building at Harrisburg last August, and it is also true that he requested the assistance of the officers of the grand lodge, but the fact remains that the ceremony of laying the corner stone was performed by Grand Master Kelly, and no work was done by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

It seems to us that this is a distinction without any material difference.

R.: W.: H. W. Williams, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. A. Sinn reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. Michael Arnold, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1898.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at Summerside, June 24th, M.: W.: Leonard Morris, Grand Master. The twelve lodges all represented. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership five hundred and twenty-five; gain five. Receipts \$273.80.

A resolution of sympathy was extended to a venerable past master upon the death of his wife.

M.: W.: Leonard Morris, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Neil MacKelvie, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Summerside.

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The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 26th, M.: W.: Leonard Morris, Grand Master. The twelve lodges all represented. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership five hundred and twenty-six; gain one. Receipts \$279.05.

A charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation, and a committee of conference was appointed to consider the matter of union with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia into one grand body.

The committee on foreign correspondence submitted the following report on negro masonry:

Your committee, to whom was referred the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington relating to the so-called negro masonry, beg to submit the following resolutions as containing a fair expression of our views and wishes, substantially as adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland:

That the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island affirms its adherence to the doctrine of grand lodge territorial jurisdiction, which the experience of a century on this continent has proven to be a wise and wholesome doctrine, whereby grand lodges have been enabled to dwell together in peace and harmony. That we view with regret the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in the abrogation and setting aside of this doctrine by the recognition of dual grand lodges in a large number of the jurisdictions.

That the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island trusts that the Grand Lodge of Washington have already taken such actions as will restore that peace and harmony which have ever characterized the family of American grand lodges.

M.: W.: J. A. Messervey, Charlottetown, Grand Master;
R.: W.: Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, reelected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1899.

The twenty-ninth annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 25th, M.: W.: E. T. D. Chambers, Grand Master. Forty-eight lodges represented; fifty-six on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, six hundred, and forty-three; gain fifty-three. Receipts \$2,544.

The portraits are of three first grand masters.

The following paragraph from the annual address clearly indicates the friendly feeling existing among our neighbors on the north towards the United States:

While it is impossible for us without transgressing the landmarks of masonry to indulge, as masons, in national or political discussions, we should scarcely prove our loyalty to the teachings of the craft by withholding an expression of gratification at the speedy triumph, in a recent war, of the principles which make for the increased happiness of humanity.

An appropriation of \$200 was made for the purchase of fifty copies of Bro. Graham's History of Freemasonry in Quebec; a discourse was delivered by Bro. H. A. Brooke, grand chaplain; the benevolent fund was reported at \$12,000; a movement was started to acquire control of the temple at Montreal; the finance committee was authorized to procure portraits of the past grand masters; a resolution of sympathy was ordered transmitted to Bro. Walter Windsor, grand chap-

lain, who was reported seriously ill; a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. W. L. Walkem, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for his unsuccessful attempts at mediation with the Grand Lodge of England concerning their three lodges still maintained at Montreal; and deep sympathy was expressed at the serious illness of Bro. J. H. Graham, their first grand master.

Bro. W. H. Whyte prepared the report on foreign correspondence, his second and last, with the following allusions to Minnesota:

The grand master presented a business report. He congratulates grand lodge upon their Digest, as he was able to answer all knotty questions propounded during the year by simply referring the questioner to it.

Bro. Irving Todd reviews fifty-nine grand jurisdictions, Quebec for 1897 among the number.

One of the interesting portions of the proceedings of this grand jurisdiction is the report of the Masonic Veteran Association, and the present number is not behind its predecessors. A photo of the last survivor of the founders of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, 1853, is given, as well as the first lodge room building in St. Paul. This organization is doing a great work in tracing up, not only the masonic record of all the old veterans, but in having the history of their senior lodges written. Historical papers on Hennepin Lodge, the first lodge west of the Mississippi, and Ancient Landmark, of St. Paul, instituted in the years 1853 and 1854 respectively, when the state of Minnesota was a frontier one, are exceedingly interesting.

The following is taken from the introduction:

While we mourn with those who weep, we rejoice that the misunderstandings of years have been swept away between the two branches of the great Anglo-Saxon race, through the Hispano-American conflict, and that a *rapprochement* has been brought about which, God grant, may as the years roll by prove a great factor in the cause of humanity, enabling the two flags entwined to be ever found in the van of all that pertains to the ennobling and uplifting of the human race, and the cause of universal peace among the nations. Wherever these two flags are found there flourishes the great principles of masonry, brotherly love, relief, and truth.

M.: W.: Benjamin Tooke, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Isaacson, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Montreal; Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1898.

The one hundred and twenty-second annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 13th and 14th, M.: W.: J. T. Barron, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-four lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-two on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge and two to revive lodges. Membership five thousand, eight hundred, and forty; loss thirteen. Receipts \$6,845.84.

The death of Bro. W. K. Blake, past grand master, was announced.

An appropriation of \$60 was made to the Washington memorial; a petition for a new lodge was granted; the report on foreign correspondence was warmly commended by the standing committee, in which we heartily concur; several constitutional amendments were laid on the table; the revised code was formally adopted; a special committee was appointed to prepare uniform formula for opening and closing the grand lodge and a proper burial service, to be reported next year; a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master; a committee was appointed to procure suitable aprons, collars, and jewels for the grand lodge officers; and the grand secretary notes that the excursion to the Isle of Palms, tendered by the local lodges, was a very enjoyable affair.

The committee on foreign correspondence submitted a special report on negro masonry, which was unanimously adopted. It concludes as follows:

The Ahiman Rezon of South Carolina, compiled by that eminent author, erudite scholar, and unsurpassed masonic jurist, Albert G. Mackey, and adopted by the grand lodge, specifically declares that a candidate must be of *free white* parents. This once and forever disposes of the question so far as the Grand Lodge of South Carolina is concerned.

Four grand lodges have thus far acted upon this matter and have declared non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington. It is the opinion of your committee that, in view of the facts before us, it is right and proper, nay, imperatively necessary, that the Grand

Lodge of South Carolina should follow in the footsteps of New York, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Arkansas, expressing without equivocation, and in the most unmistakable terms, its disapproval and condemnation of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing the African grand lodges.

We recommend the adoption by this grand lodge of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Washington, having seen fit, at its last annual communication, to pass a resolution recognizing as legitimate the negro grand lodges, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina wishes to express its most unqualified condemnation of this action, and hereby severs all fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington and its subordinates.

The grand secretary resumed his labors as foreign correspondence reporter, devoting three pages of his admirable review to Minnesota and our Veteran Association, from which we quote the following:

A resolution was adopted which declares it unmasonic for any mason to become a member of any insurance company having or using masonic insignia or the term masonic, or referring to the masonic fraternity in its title, or using illustrations or representations of masonic emblems on its business cards or correspondence. No one has more consistently denounced mixing business with masonry than we have, or has been more opposed to lodges or grand lodges assuming any responsibility for or control over purely business enterprises, such as mutual benefit or insurance societies, but we think that the resolution goes too far the other way. If the masons among themselves and outside of the grand or subordinate lodges choose to form an association which is not contrary to good morals and law, we see no reason why they should not be allowed to do so. As well may the grand lodge denounce the order of the Eastern Star, the Mystic Shrine, etc.

The report on correspondence is written by Past Grand Master Irving Todd. After quoting from Grand Master Sawyer's 1896 address with reference to cerneauism in Ohio, Bro. Todd writes as follows:

If this language means anything more than the perhaps excusable vanity of appearing in print, it means that the then Grand Master of South Carolina was prepared to recognize a clandestine grand lodge in Ohio and the so-called masons of its obedience, regardless of a grand lodge with which fraternal relations were existing, and whose representative was reported upon the floor during the delivery of the paper. Why the latter did not challenge the notorious misstatement of facts is a matter which Bro. J. Adger Smyth should explain to the grand body from which he holds a commission, in extenuation of his dereliction of duty. It is not believed for a moment, however, that the Grand Lodge of South Carolina would indorse this untenable position, should it ever be brought to a test in that jurisdiction. Possibly the grand master had his craft masonry so confused with the Pilgrim Knight that he was unable to properly distinguish between the two.

Bro. Todd, we are sure very unintentionally, does great injustice both to Bros. Sawyer and Smyth. Neither of them would or could advocate the recognition of clandestine masonic bodies, and the Grand Lodge of South Carolina has more than once pronounced the cerneau organizations to be clandestine. The point that Bro. Sawyer endeavored to make is that master masons have nothing to do "with the so-called higher degrees," of which Bro. Sawyer understood cerneauism exclusively to consist. This and nothing more.

If that was what Bro. Sawyer was driving at, and nothing more, he was exceedingly unfortunate in his use of language. This is what he did say, and we gave the entire passage verbatim in our 1898 report:

It is gratifying to be able to report that there has been no unpleasantness whatever in our relations with other bodies, and so far as I can learn none with them, except there seems to be some commotion in the grand jurisdiction of Ohio about the so-called cerneauism. It seems that another grand lodge has sprung up in that state and is organizing lodges claiming allegiance to the cerneau grand lodge. So far as I can learn there is little difference between the esoteric work of the two, as I am assured by the cerneau masons that men raised in their lodges are received in full fellowship in the old lodges by simply renouncing their allegiance to the cerneau body. The grand lodge classes them with clandestine masons, and some trouble may yet arise when these cerneau masons come to visit in other jurisdictions. It is only my intention to mention the matter here, as I do not know that we are called upon to do more than remember that there is a schism in Ohio. I will simply add that I have received the arguments of the cerneau body, which, I may say, are very strong with one exception, and that is that when men were obligated in lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Ohio they bound themselves to obey its constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations. But, at the same time, I cannot see what master masons have to do with the so-called higher degrees. If cerneauism is not masonry where can there be any greater objection to a master mason joining a cerneau lodge than for him to join the Knights of Pythias? A few years ago a reverend brother traveled around conferring five so-called degrees which he denominated the Pilgrim Knight, and yet I cannot see that any harm was done to ancient craft masonry by his new degrees.

After a careful re-reading of the address and our mild criticism of the obnoxious paragraph above referred to we fail to discover any injustice done to either the grand master or

the grand representative, and certainly none was intended. We referred to the gross misstatement of facts made by one in authority, which the representative permitted to go upon the record unchallenged. It starts out by stating that another grand lodge has sprung up in Ohio, a cerneau grand lodge, when there is and can be but one grand lodge in that jurisdiction; that there is but little difference in the esoteric work of the legitimate and clandestine lodges, when he certainly had no lawful information to that effect, nor could he have; that the clandestine masons are received into full fellowship in the legitimate lodges by simply renouncing their allegiance to the cerneau body, a process of healing not recognized in any jurisdiction; that some trouble may yet arise when these cerneau masons come to visit in other jurisdictions, which they can never do with ordinary precaution; that there is a schism in Ohio over a movement which has not attained to the dignity of a schism and never will; that the arguments of the cerneau body, with which he seemed quite familiar, are very strong with one exception, which he fails to give, that of regularity; that if cerneauism is not masonry there is no great objection to a master mason joining a cerneau lodge, a singular sort of dual membership. What all this has to do with the so-called higher degrees remains to be explained.

Of course it is possible that Bro. Smyth knew nothing about the matter until the proceedings appeared in print, and if so is excusable, but how it ran the gauntlet of the committee on grand master's address and those who heard the spoken words is almost inconceivable, particularly in so conservative a body as the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

In his report on foreign correspondence for 1897 Bro. W. M. Cunningham, of Ohio, gives the following "confutation of a rehash of long since refuted statements":

1. There is not now, nor has been since the supremacy claimed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio over that which is legitimately termed masonic was sustained by from the lowest to the highest courts of the state, been any commotion whatever in the Grand Lodge of Ohio in re cerneauism.

2. There has never been any schism in the Grand Lodge of Ohio upon that or any other questions; the minority have always loyally accepted the determination of the majority.

3. Because a combination of dishabilitated, expelled, or disappointed masons choose to use the names of defunct lodges to form a pretended grand lodge, and establish clandestine bodies for the purpose of supplying material for so-called cerneau degrees, it certainly does not warrant his inferences concerning the status of the bogus grand body to which he alludes.

Notwithstanding the denials by eastern cerneau officials of any connection with the bogus lodges of Ohio, it is a well known fact that their sole source of supply of candidates in Ohio is from the clandestine lodges fostered by them, and their membership is not only officially recognized by them, but one of their leading bogus lodge initiates—a saloonkeeper, who was never inside of a regular lodge of masons—is one of their so-called thirty-thirds, and his diploma as such ornaments the barroom of his beer saloon.

4. No one upon whom the clandestine lodges, to which he refers, confer their degrees can become a mason, or a member of any legitimate masonic lodge in Ohio, except by regular petition, a unanimous ballot, initiation, passing, and raising, as any other profane; and this is well known to prominent cerneau disseminators, as many of them are doubtless expelled masons.

5. As no grand jurisdiction with which the Grand Lodge of Ohio is in fraternal correspondence will knowingly permit either visitation or fellowship with the clandestine product of bogus so-called lodges in Ohio, it would be natural to infer that he and the lodges of that grand jurisdiction, masonically, "are called upon to do more" than assume the non-interference attitude inferred from his statement, at least as far as countenance, visitation, and fellowship are concerned.

6. As to there being "little difference between the esoteric work" of the legitimate and bogus bodies, a loyal and legitimate mason in this jurisdiction has no means of knowing personally, as neither countenance, fellowship, or visitation is to be given a clandestine mason in Ohio.

7. Although it may have been decided by grand lodges, and even the courts, that cerneauism is not masonry, yet as cerneauism itself claims, not only a masonic foundation and connection, but also claim that their esoteric work is masonic, their prohibition from any legitimate masonic connection or recognition is fully warranted.

8. Any legitimately made mason who has become connected with cerneauism, but who is not under sentence of suspension or expulsion as a mason, may rehabilitate himself in Ohio by renouncing cerneauism in the manner prescribed by this grand lodge.

9. If M.°. W.°. Bro. Sawyer will read the review of Ohio in the able report on foreign correspondence of R.°. W.°. Bro. Charles Inglesby, grand secretary, in their proceedings of current year, he will doubtless infer that cerneau arguments are not as strong as he imagines now, but that there is another very important side to all questions connected therewith.

Bro. Inglesby copies the whole of this vigorous refutation without comment.

There is still another so-called grand lodge in Ohio, a colored grand lodge of many years' standing, which has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Washington. This action was very promptly and properly resented by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in severing fraternal intercourse, before the proceedings of that grand lodge were even received. As a matter of right and justice we were of the opinion that the erroneous and highly prejudiced assertions of the Grand Master of South Carolina should have been challenged on the spot, and we are of that opinion still.

The remaining half of his space is given to extracts from the Veteran Association. Bro. Inglesby says:

Following the report on correspondence, we have the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota at its sixth annual reunion. They are very interesting. The address of the president, Bro. G. R. Metcalf, being especially so. * * * The proceedings of this association are filled with valuable and highly interesting historical information and reminiscences.

M. W. B. J. Witherspoon, Lancaster, Grand Master;
R. W. Charles Inglesby, Charleston, reëlected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1899.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Yankton, June 13th and 14th, M. W. L. G. Levoy, Grand Master. Eighty-two lodges represented; ninety-three on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership four thousand, four hundred, and thirty-seven. Loss twenty-seven. Receipts \$3,157.73.

The portrait of the grand master faces the title page.

Bro. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, was an honored visitor.

Their quarto-centennial was celebrated the first evening with a banquet and appropriate toasts and responses. In connection with the proceedings are given cuts of the hall where the convention was held and the church where the grand lodge

was organized, a group of the first officers, a portrait of Bro. Parvin, the constituting officer, portraits and biographies of the seventeen past grand masters, and a group of the present grand lodge officers. It is a handsome souvenir.

Greetings were exchanged with Washington, New Mexico, and Manitoba; two decisions of the grand master, that a lodge may be opened in the absence of the master and wardens and that a lodge has jurisdiction over rejected material, were turned down by the jurisprudence committee; a watch was presented to Bro. William Blatt, past grand master, about to leave the jurisdiction; fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru; and the invitation to the Washington memorial was accepted, with an appropriation of \$40.

The following report of the committee on jurisprudence was concurred in:

Upon the subject of negro masonry your committee is unanimous in the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was unfortunate, to say the least. While admiring the talent, ability, and erudition of the committee of that grand lodge, and that of M. W. Bro. Upton in particular, we cannot assent to his conclusions. As to the validity, genuineness, pure or true genealogy of the negro lodges in existence in this country we deem it unnecessary to enter into discussion, nor does this committee possess the means or time to pursue the same. We break off all discussion of that subject by affirming what is not denied by the Grand Lodge of Washington and her eminent spokesman, that the lodges, so-called, in which the two persons of African descent were made masons, created by grand lodges, so-called, have been declared clandestine by every grand lodge in this country for a century or more. Recognition has time and again been refused them by the grand lodges in whose territorial jurisdiction these clandestine bodies exist, and we deem it masonic treason by any grand lodge if grand lodge sovereignty is to be thus destroyed, for with it in this country confusion and disintegration must inevitably result.

The right to make masons of any persons found worthy, regardless of creed or color, is not only denied by this committee, but affirmed as an unalterable landmark of masonry. It rests with the lodge receiving the petition to accept or reject. The inherent right of the lodge in this cannot be questioned, nor can the legal right of the Grand Lodge of Washington in adopting the resolution in question.

Unfortunately, however, we are confronted with conditions, not theories, and, as we are unable to alter the former, we must govern our

actions by them. We therefore most strongly enter our protest against the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington in the recognition of clandestine masons and the logical recognition thereby of the clandestine bodies under and by which they claim fellowship. We most earnestly and fraternally request a full reconsideration of the subject and its disposal by a revocation of its action so that peace and harmony, the essentials to masonic life and prosperity may be restored, and grand lodges and the fraternity throughout the land again dwell together in unity.

Bro. William Blatt submitted the report on correspondence, and we regret that it is his last. Of Minnesota he says:

The subject Love formed the text of an able and scholarly oration by R. W. Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, as well as a photo of its president, appears as an appendix to the proceedings, and are, as heretofore, of valuable historical interest. We ought in our own jurisdiction begin to do likewise.

Bro. Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence, and the paper is an extremely lucid and ably written document. South Dakota for 1898 received that neighborly fraternal notice which she has always enjoyed at the brother's hands.

Bro. Blatt is of the opinion that the past year has added nothing that would justify recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico, in which we concur.

M. W. W. H. Roddle, Brookings, Grand Master; R. W. G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. A. Brown, Sioux Falls, committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1899.

The eighty-fifth annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 25th, 26th, and 27th, M. W. W. H. Bumpas, Grand Master. Three hundred and ninety-six lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-six on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; three charters surrendered. Membership seventeen thousand, two hundred, and forty-eight; loss three hundred and forty. Receipts \$20,-962.04.

The deaths of Bro. A. M. Hughes, past grand master, and Bro. J. R. Frizzell, past grand secretary, were announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

The following appear among the approved decisions :

3. Ruled that a man with left hand off at wrist was eligible for the degrees.

4. Is a master mason under charges competent to bring charges against a brother? Held that he is.

9. Has the lodge the right to call off for a week or more, or for a period exceeding twenty-four hours? Held that it has the right to do so up to the next regular meeting.

The physical perfectionist seems to be an unknown quantity way down in Tennessee.

The following recommendation was not sustained by the committee on jurisprudence, which reported that their present system gives satisfaction :

We have received several requests from foreign jurisdictions to appoint, at their grand lodges representatives to take the place of deceased brethren. This custom having been abandoned by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, of course no action was taken. We regret that this ancient and highly fraternal custom has fallen into disuse with a jurisdiction so high as does that of Tennessee. We trust that in your deliberations you may see fit to receive this custom, which cannot be otherwise than of benefit to us. In fact, we are of the opinion that we exhibit an unwarranted selfishness not to participate in this time honored custom of broad fraternity.

Notwithstanding the adverse report, the representative system was restored.

A pleasing entertainment was given by the children of the home; the report of that institution shows one hundred and twenty-three inmates, supported at a cost of \$6,030.88; the endowment fund was reported at \$3,533.36; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted, provided the delegation attend at their own expense; the Gran Dieta of Mexico was not recognized for want of sufficient facts to justify such action; it was held that no saloon keeper should be installed as master of a lodge in that jurisdiction; the fire escape, costing \$1,053.47, was ordered removed to another loca-

tion by direction of the courts; the use of ciphers was prohibited as a violation of masonic obligations; three charters were arrested for failure to make returns or pay dues; and three charters to lodges under dispensation and two dispensations for three new lodges were granted.

The report of the jurisprudence committee on negro masonry was adopted, as follows:

Your committee approves the recommendation of the grand master for a suspension of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, on account of its violation of the fundamental doctrines of American freemasonry, that the masonic authority in any state must be sole, single, and exclusive, and the necessary corollary that all other bodies and persons claiming to be masonic are clandestine.

We cannot but regret that our brethren of the far northwest have felt impelled to become pioneers in prevarication and in masonic disturbance, as well as in progress and civilization; and that by any theoretical and disingenuous abstractions have led them to embark upon perilous seas of impracticable navigation and inevitable masonic destruction.

Thirty-four years ago, during the incumbency of our present senior Past Grand Master Hamilton, this grand lodge, in accord with Massachusetts, unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Information has been received by this grand lodge that associations of negroes, claiming to be free and accepted masons, have been organized in the state of Tennessee, without any legal masonic authority; therefore

Resolved, That all such associations are hereby declared to be spurious, illegal, and clandestine, and all masons owing allegiance to this grand lodge are hereby forbidden to hold masonic communication with any such association, or with any person in this state or any other claiming to belong thereto, or holding fellowship therewith; and it is the sense of this grand lodge that no masonic authority can or ought to be granted for any such purpose.

This resolution stands unrepealed, and expresses the convictions of freemasons in this state now as fairly as it did in 1865. We believe these associations to be spurious, illegal, and clandestine now, as they were in 1865.

The Grand Lodge of Washington not only expresses a contrary and repugnant opinion, but even goes to the length of abdicating its sole and exclusive sovereignty in that state, where its own lodges were first established and its supreme authority unquestionable, and acknowledges the equal powers and rights of another grand body and of subordinates thereunder to exercise sovereignty and jurisdiction within the boundaries of that state. By so doing the Grand Lodge of Washington

has forfeited all claim to our masonic recognition and placed itself beyond the pale of fraternal relations. We therefore recommend the adoption by this grand lodge of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee hereby indefinitely suspends all fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons hitherto exercising jurisdiction in the state of Washington.

A brief report of the sixth annual assembly of the Masonic Veterans' Association is appended to the journal, giving the names of those present, new members elected, and list of officers for the ensuing year. A banquet was held and a number of speeches delivered.

Bro. G. H. Morgan submitted an excellent report on correspondence, Minnesota not included.

M.: W.: J. H. Bullock, Paris, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. B. Garrett, Nashville, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. H. Morgan, Cookeville, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1898.

The sixty-third annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 6th, 7th, and 8th, M.: W.: J. L. Terrell, Grand Master. Four hundred lodges represented; six hundred and seventeen on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; seven lodges demised. Membership twenty-seven thousand, seven hundred, and eighteen; loss seven hundred and sixty-five. Receipts \$21,745.97.

The following decisions among others were approved:

3. That a brother holding an appointive office cannot dimit during his term of office.

9. That where a brother, who has been elected master of his lodge, refuses to receive or conform to that part of the installation ceremony known as the past master's degree, having never received it, the old master will hold over.

The address of the deputy grand master was nearly as long as that of his chief, reporting a number of dispensations granted and refused, and eighteen decisions of local interest

only. One of them, that the degrees should never be conferred in the day time, was not approved by the committee on jurisprudence.

A gift of masonic books was received from the widow of a deceased brother; the jurisprudence committee held that the powers granted to the deputy grand master are only to be exercised in the absence or disability of the grand master, which will probably end the double headed administration of affairs in future; charters were granted to the nine lodges under dispensation and three direct; the committee on grand officers' reports suggested the omission from the address of all matters not subject to revision by the grand lodge; Bro. T. M. Matthews was allowed \$100 in addition to the fixed salary of \$200 for his services as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, a well merited compliment; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; the per diem of delegates attending schools of instruction was reduced to fifty cents and mileage to one and a half cents; the directors of the home reported that the main building at Ft. Worth would be completed during the year; the law restricting lodges from holding property jointly with other bodies was repealed; the McLeary ring was transferred to the grand master elect; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report of the special committee on negro masonry was unanimously adopted, with the following conclusion:

We have endeavored to treat the subject impartially and with the seriousness its importance demands, but with a due regard for the dignity and interests of the general body of masonry. We cannot admit the heresies of the Grand Lodge of Washington, nor by our silence acquiesce in them. This grand lodge should speak in no uncertain tones. Believing, as we do, that the radical action of Washington threatens the integrity of American masonry, and, if not promptly checked, will breed discord and disintegration, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the grand lodge hereby suspends all intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, A. F. & A. M., and forbids its subordinates and members from having any masonic communication or intercourse with lodges or masons owing allegiance to the said Grand Lodge of Washington.

The report on fraternal correspondence was again prepared by Bro. T. M. Matthews, and is well worth the money paid for it. Minnesota is kindly noticed, from the review of which we copy the following:

A very readable oration by Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator, is published in the proceedings. Bro. H., by reason of sickness, could not be present to deliver it, but by request furnished the manuscript for publication.

The correspondence report is again by Bro. Irving Todd, the chairman of the committee. Bro. Todd always writes a good report, and this one is not an exception to the rule. He thumbed the proceedings of fifty-eight grand lodges, among which was the Texas volume (1896). He copies the ruling of Grand Master Abernethy wherein a candidate had received two degrees and was then stopped because it was discovered that a part of the middle finger of the left hand was missing. From the ruling he dissents with courteous, but adverse comment thereon. Well, we are not going to defend the decision, Bro. Todd, further than to say that the grand master followed the letter of the law as was his duty to do. We are free to say, however, that we think the law wrong and that it should be changed; but will not here argue the question. The reason why it is wrong, it seems to us, should be self-evident to any thinking mason. To this writer our brother is very kind, and we thank him. He is mistaken, though, in thinking Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, and ourself are at variance upon the Gran Dieta question. The truth is that we are fully agreed, and, therefore, have nothing to harmonize.

It was some of their published statements that seemed to need harmonizing; their position on the main issue is identical according to the latest reports.

M.: W.: S. R. Hamilton, Farmersville, Grand Master;
R.: W.: John Watson, Houston, reelected Grand Secretary;
Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1899.

The twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 17th and 18th, M.: W.: J. F. Hardie, Grand Master. The nine lodges all represented. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership: eight hundred and seven; gain seventeen. Receipts \$1,691.

The deaths of Bro. E. P. Johnson, past grand master, and Bro. S. S. Schramm, past senior grand warden, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master elect and the two deceased permanent members.

A pleasing incident was reported in the address of the holding an open air meeting by the lodge at Park City on a July evening, attended by the grand lodge officers and over two hundred brethren. The lodge was opened on the top of a mountain eight thousand feet above sea level.

A banquet was tendered by the local lodges; the jurisprudence committee held that a candidate with a stiff knee was eligible; fraternal intercourse was restored with the Grand Lodge of Peru; recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium was deferred; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted, with an appropriation of \$8.07 as their quota of the expenses; the dispensation to their lodge under dispensation was renewed; fraternal greetings were extended to a past master at home sick; and the Emery signet ring was duly transferred.

A report on negro masonry from the committee on jurisprudence was adopted, with the following conclusion:

We must confess we are surprised at the action of our brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington, especially as they took a whole year to consider it, but we are willing to believe that in consequence of the extraordinary wave of prosperity which swept over their state, following the Klondike excitement of last year, they were all too busy to give the subject that thought and thorough investigation which its importance demands. We do not admit that the question is one of color, but of jurisdiction. We learn that there are legitimate, regularly made colored masons in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and perhaps in some other states. We commend to the masons of Washington a thoughtful perusal of the very able reply of Grand Master Sutherland, of New York, to the M. W. W. H. Upton, grand master of Washington, and we recommend to this grand lodge the following resolutions:

Resolved, first, That we regret exceedingly the action taken in this matter by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Resolved, second, That we dissent both from its premises and conclusions, and can find no warrant for the departure from long established customs which must result from such action.

Resolved, third. That we fraternally implore our brethren of that state which bears the name of the foremost great mason of the land, as they love the institution of freemasonry, and desire to maintain that harmony which should ever prevail among us, to gather to their full strength at their next annual communication, and rescind the action which is the cause of so much alarm and unrest among the fraternity east, west, north, and south,

A very readable report on correspondence was presented by the grand secretary as a matter of course. Of Minnesota he says:

The address of the grand master is a compact statement of the occurrences in his office during the year. * * * He decided that a non-affiliated mason has a right to select his own masonic home regardless of residence. A good decision and good masonic law. The Grand Lodge of Utah has it on its statute books since 1873.

A very sensible report on relief was submitted by a special committee, of which our old friend G. H. Davis, past grand master of Idaho, was chairman; from which we desire to reproduce a few lines for the benefit of our Utah brethren.

Grand Secretary Thomas Montgomery, who had recently made a tour of Ireland and the English Isle, visited the three grand lodges, and was so fortunate as to capture the credentials as grand representative of Scotland and Ireland. The commission from Ireland was accompanied by a handsome jewel of pure gold. Bro. Montgomery was born lucky.

Bro. Irving Todd is again the author of the report on correspondence, which allots nearly two pages to Utah for 1897. * * * He epitomizes our transactions and makes several extracts from the correspondence report. Bro. Todd has something to say of Mexican masonry, and as he gathered it on the spot it is of great interest.

The Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota held its sixth annual reunion in St. Paul, Jan. 11th, 1898. * * * The address of the president is very interesting, and the secretary's report shows that the association has a membership of two hundred and forty. After the close of the meeting one hundred and sixteen brethren repaired to the banquet room, and celebrated in the usual manner the sixth annual feast. The venerable brethren had a good old time all around.

The following is found under the head of California:

It is our opinion that cremation will be the burial of the future, and also that ere long a ritual will be written suitable for that purpose. The present writer may not live to see it, but it will come as sure as the sun rises to-morrow.

The following reference to their library is given under Maine:

There was a time in Utah when the masonic public library at Salt Lake City did much good. It was the only public library in the then territory. It educated. A handful of masons knew what was needed, and they succeeded. Later the public wanted more than we could give, and we made the city a present of eight thousand books. But it is very doubtful whether the city would ever have started a public library if it had not been for the clamor of the people for books, the taste for which was first imbibed through our library. We are in a position to know whereof we speak.

Under the head of Michigan non-affiliation is discussed as follows:

There are several causes for this deplorable state of affairs. In the first place the secretaries are not collecting the dues promptly, and secondly, and that is the main cause, the ballot box is not watched carefully enough. Too many men are made masons who were never fit to be such, and who never should have been permitted to enter the temple of freemasonry. They joined freemasonry for personal motives, and not finding it to their advantage forgot that they ever stood before a masonic altar. In our opinion masonry is too popular and too cheap, hence the thousands and tens of thousands drones in the hive. We for our part have no use for them and drop them like we would a hot cake. They were never masons at heart, and no obligation could ever make them such.

The right to inspect the lodge charter is criticised as follows, under Montana:

Visiting is a privilege, not a right, and it is contrary to all good manners to demand something of a person, or for that matter of a society, that grants another person a certain privilege. Besides that, the chances are ninety-nine to one that the visitor would not know more about the regularity of the lodge after he had seen the charter than he knew before. He beholds a piece of parchment signed by the grand master and grand secretary, with the seal of the grand lodge attached. The signatures on the instrument look to him like hieroglyphics, because they are unknown to him, and so is the seal. Where the custom, that a visitor has a right to demand the inspection of the lodge charter originated, we have never found out. We always did consider it a big humbug, and are glad that many grand lodges, Utah

included, have put a stop to it. If in our lodge a visitor wishes to see the charter he is welcome to it, but if he demands to see it, he will not see it.

M.: W.: J. D. Murdoch, Park City, Grand Master; R.: W.: Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, reelected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1899.

The one hundred and sixth annual communication was held at Burlington, June 14th and 15th, M.: W.: D. N. Nicholson, Grand Master. Ninety lodges represented; one hundred and two on the roll. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership ten thousand, one hundred, and sixty-six; gain two hundred and eighty. Receipts \$6,833.50.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

In the address it is suggested that something be done to diminish the cost of printing the annual proceedings, such as giving the names of members in smaller type, and then the grand master proceeds to help the matter along by the infliction of a paper of fifty-seven pages, by the help of various and sundry recommendations, documents, reports, and the contents of his letter book for the past year. The committee on necrology follow suit with twenty pages more, covering the entire country, and the result is a volume of four hundred and seventy-five pages, even with the lodge rosters set in nonpareil type. The report on correspondence makes one hundred and seventy-six pages. We would undertake to give everything else essential or necessary in seventy-five pages and have space to burn.

Mileage was granted to the district deputies in attendance at their annual meeting, and necessary expenses to the six principal grand officers and past grand masters present; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; an exchange of representatives was granted to the Grand Lodge of Peru; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; the sale of unauthorized rituals was prohibited; the invitation to attend the Wash-

ington memorial was accepted, with expenses of the representative; and the gift of a beautiful flag was accepted with thanks.

The committee on correspondence made a special report on negro masonry, which was adopted. The material portions are as follows:

There remains but one consistent course for us to follow, viz.: To fraternally urge the Grand Lodge of Washington to reconsider its action and again place itself in accord with the grand lodges of this country upon this all important question; failing so to do, however unpleasant it may be and however much we may regret the step, masonic intercourse should be severed, temporarily at least, permanently if necessary. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Washington, by the adoption of certain resolutions at its annual communication in 1898, has in effect denied that grand lodges duly and legally constituted are supreme within their territory, and has signified an intention to recognize as masons men belonging to clandestine and irregular lodges, therefore

Resolved, That the grand master is hereby instructed (unless said Grand Lodge of Washington at its annual communication, this year, rescinds its aforesaid action), to issue an edict suspending all masonic intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Vermont, its subordinates and members, and the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and members, until the wrong is made right.

The usual able report on correspondence was presented by Bro. M. O. Perkins, with four pages allotted to Minnesota, in which he says:

The grand secretary submits his fifteenth (tenth) annual report, a most comprehensive account in detail of official acts.

On the morning of the second day a finished oration was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, who had for his theme Love, from which we copy a single excerpt from his beautiful peroration.

Bro. Irving Todd again applies his condenser to the published proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges, and produces as usual one of his incomparable, synoptical reports on correspondence. Vermont for 1898 is included.

In the appendix, and following the report on correspondence, are found the proceedings of the seventh annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association. After the regular business meetings and the election of officers for the ensuing year came the annual feast. * * * The post prandial exercises afford very entertaining and instructive reading, but we have space and time only for mere mention, with greetings to the veterans.

Bro. Perkins is of the opinion that an authorized ritual is better than those which are not, and that there is no valid reason why the burial service might not be modified to meet the exigencies of cremation.

M. : W. : W. S. May, Underhill, Grand Master ; R. : W. : W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, reëlected Grand Secretary ; Bro. M. O. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1898.

The one hundred and twenty-first annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 6th, 7th, and 8th ; M. : W. : R. T. W. Duke, jr., Grand Master. One hundred and twenty-one lodges represented ; two hundred and sixty-five on the roll. Four past grand masters present ; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges ; one lodge revived. Membership twelve thousand, nine hundred, and four ; gain fifty-eight. Receipts \$12,380.74.

The deaths of Bros. W. B. Taliaferro, J. P. Fitzgerald, W. F. Drinkard, and J. R. Purdie, past grand masters, were announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The decisions were that in the absence of the master it devolved upon the senior warden to make nominations for officers ; that a brother could not decline an election as master, but after installation he might resign ; that a lodge had no right to prefer charges against members who failed to attend important meetings when notified ; that a non-affiliate has privileges, but no rights ; and that a lodge has no right to expose a blackboard containing the names of candidates for initiation or membership.

The committee on Washington memorial presented a programme for the ceremonies at Mt. Vernon, Dec. 14th, which was adopted ; a resolution of sympathy was tendered the grand treasurer at the death of his brother ; recognition of the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba was withdrawn ; a special report of the committee on foreign correspondence,

giving a list of the grand lodges officially recognized, was adopted; the corner stone of a church was laid the second day; a loan of \$3,000 was made to the temple association to aid it in paying interest; charters were granted to three lodges under dispensation, two were continued, and two not continued; the revision of the Methodical Digest was approved and ordered to be printed; and the board of trustees reported the assets of the temple association at \$251,081.58, and liabilities \$123,529.04.

The following resolutions on negro masonry were adopted, copied from Maryland:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia hereby reaffirms its adherence to the doctrine of grand territorial jurisdiction, that is to say, a grand lodge first organized in a state or territory has the supreme control over symbolic masonry, and is the sole judge of what are, or are not, legitimate masonic organizations within its territorial limits.

Resolved, That this doctrine has been acquiesced in by every American grand lodge, and the experience of a century having proven that it is wise and wholesome doctrine, by which the grand lodges have been enabled to dwell together in peace and harmony, the Grand Lodge of Virginia views with regret and alarm the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in the abrogation and setting aside of this doctrine by recognition of dual grand lodges in a large number of the jurisdictions of our country.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia fraternally but most earnestly trusts that the Grand Lodge of Washington will at its next annual communication reconsider said action, and thereby promote that peace and harmony which has ever characterized the family of American grand lodges.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Washington and to all grand lodges with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication.

The writer of the report on foreign correspondence is Bro. J. W. Eggleston, a worthy successor of the lamented Drinkard, who presided at the head of this department over twenty years. From the four page review of Minnesota the following paragraphs are taken:

They proceed somewhat differently from our method of opening the grand lodge. * * * Following this a committee on creden-

tials was appointed, which reported, and the grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment. This occupied their entire morning session, and yet Bro. Todd, in the report on foreign correspondence, calls our Virginia method medieval. Well, Bro. Todd, it now takes less than twenty minutes to open the Grand Lodge of Virginia in ample form, ready for the grand master's address, yet every brother's name, rank, and lodge appear in the proceedings.

Grand Master Lawless gives us a simple business report as his address, which, as the brethren in Minnesota seem to have behaved remarkably well, leaves little to comment on in this report, and very happily, as Bro. Todd cuts out all the work we need in his six page report of our proceedings of 1896.

The grand master refused to grant a dispensation to confer the degrees, without fee, on a minister, "believing that if the degrees are worth anything to any person, they are worth paying for." While no dispensation is necessary in Virginia, many if not most of our lodges do confer the degrees on ministers without fee, but much might be said against its being done. We have known high minded ministers to refuse positively to come in except by paying exactly what all others were required to pay.

He also says "the saloon legislation of last year added largely to my burdens." Of course it did, and to the burdens of masonry in general. There are several very well managed secret societies which make a specialty of endeavoring to reform mankind in this and other particulars, and which are thoroughly competent to do all that can be done in this direction, but it is a modern innovation, which should be kept out of masonry for that if for no other reason.

In the appendix appears the oration of Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator, furnished by request of the grand lodge, he being unable to attend the communication on account of sickness. It is a beautiful speculation on the origin and growth of masonry and its province in modern life, and we would like to quote from it extensively, but, as we said before, Bro. Todd has the drop on us, and we must save ourselves for him.

Now for Bro. Todd. To begin with, this present writer furnished the report of 1896, and not Bro. Drinkard, and assumes all the responsibility, although it was submitted to and heartily approved by Grand Master Fitzgerald and Past Grand Master Taliaferro, both since gone to their well earned rest.

The degree conferred by a provisional lodge of past masters (which any one who has received the degree can attend) is precisely the same as that conferred by a royal arch chapter in Virginia.

Our wardens must receive the degree before they can be installed, because without the instruction it gives them they would be incompetent to preside. They thus become past masters in the art of conducting the affairs of a lodge, but are not past masters in the sense of

being permanent members of the grand lodge by having served as masters of some one of its subordinate lodges for a full term of one year. The reason for the recommendation of a change of name is, that as the degree relates to the art of presiding and the whole duty of a master, it should be called the degree of present master. Up to about 1850 or later text books and masonic charts called it the degree of present or past master. Now to our mind this arose from the ancient custom, still obtaining in British grand lodges even on this continent, of having an officer called the immediate past master, who sat on the left of the master, instructed and prompted him and ranked the senior warden, and who presided in the absence of the worshipful master. The degree under this system related to the duties of the present and the past master, and was properly named. We Americans dropped the office of past master, but retained the name as one of those of the degree and eventually in abbreviating dropped the wrong one of the two names of the degree.

We are not writing this as the report of the grand royal arch chapter, and therefore will not attempt to give their law, but personally we would raise no objection whatever to any master or warden in Virginia being admitted to Temple Chapter No. 32, when opened on the fifth degree of masonry.

The writer of that and of this report received the degree in a provisional lodge, is an officer of the chapter and an ex-member of the grand working committee of the grand lodge, has (gratuitously) taught a large class once a week for more than six years, and often presides over provisional lodges of past masters for the purpose of conferring the degree on wardens elect, and is almost always asked to confer this degree in his chapter. This statement is only made to show familiarity with every word of the degree in the chapter and out of it—under the jurisdiction of both grand lodge and grand chapter—and he knows that in Virginia the degree is the same.

He sums up our peculiar custom in a paragraph, but should not lose his reverence for our masonic gray hair. In most particulars where western grand lodges differ from us, the innovation is theirs and not ours. We are very conservative, and a proposition to change any custom meets with almost an unanimous no. As an evidence of this we still consider our grand master as the representative of King Solomon, and treat his edicts and rulings accordingly, and do not let his office degenerate into that of a mere presiding officer subject to a constitution.

In accordance with our uniform practice of quoting literally in controversial matters more space is necessarily given to these extracts than their relative importance demands. The comments will therefore be comparatively brief.

Our grand lodge meets the first day at high twelve, and the call from labor to refreshment is not a mere formality. Consequently the session of that morning is always a short one. The term medieval and vexatious as applied to their method of opening is taken from the Virginia report of 1896, under the head of Canada; the words are his, not ours.

It is not within our province to discuss the saloon legislation of 1897, even if deemed hasty and ill advised.

The name of Bro. Drinkard appeared in its accustomed place at the end of the 1896 report, without reference to the authorship, hence the natural inference that he wrote it.

We inferred that their past master's degree was the same as that conferred in a royal arch chapter long before reading Bro. Eggleston's lengthy explanation. He does not allude, however, to the innovation in Virginia of conferring it upon wardens elect as a prerequisite to installation. It is an innovation, even if dating from 1819, and not the only one in that jurisdiction. This statement is made with due reverence for masonic age and standing.

We have always insisted that a grand master is something more than the mere presiding officer of a grand lodge; he most assuredly is in Minnesota. Neither is he restricted in a greater degree by our constitution than he would be in Virginia with its digest.

The following timely criticism is found under the head of Maine:

It cannot well be dinned into the ears of masons too often that our one greatest danger lies in a desire for increase in members which invariably results in lowering the standard and the careless use of the ballot box. The habit masters of lodges have of boasting of the number of master masons raised during their term of office is largely responsible for this great evil of accepting well nigh all applicants who have not done time in state prison. Far better would it be if they boasted of the number rejected for not measuring up to the high standard required in their individual lodges.

The following reminiscence appears under the head of New Mexico:

A prominent member of the Grand Lodge of Virginia tells the following: He says that soon after he was raised he visited a lodge

in a city (no matter what lodge or what city, for it might have occurred anywhere) and, entertaining a high idea of the way masons regarded each other, anticipated a royal time. After being examined he was introduced to the lodge as "a very bright mason." A brother placed a chair for him and he remained all the evening unnoticed; and even in the refreshment room no one spoke to him. The result was that he did not again enter a lodge for ten years.

The report of the home shows forty-six inmates; expense of maintenance \$6,050.29.

An interesting article from The Kansas Freemason is appended, giving a record of the initiation, passing, and raising of William McKinley, now president of the United States, in Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21, at Winchester, Va., May 1st, 2d, and 3d, 1865. There is also a report of the lodge committee which visited the executive mansion at Washington in May, 1897, to pay their respects to the distinguished brother, and a number of biographical sketches of prominent masons present on these occasions. It is a valuable contribution to masonic literature.

M.: W.: R. T. W. Duke, jr., Charlottesville, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Carrington, Richmond, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Eggleston, Richmond, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WASHINGTON, 1899.

The forty-second annual communication was held at Seattle, June 13th, 14th, and 15th, M.: W.: W. H. Upton, Grand Master. Ninety-two lodges represented; ninety-nine on the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and forty-nine; gain two hundred and eighty-six. Receipts, \$6,248.16.

The following are found among the approved decisions:

6. The fact that a master or warden has removed to a distant state does not create a vacancy in his office.

7. Where a senior warden elect refuses to be installed, if the former senior warden is still a member of the lodge in good standing, and has not been installed into another office, no vacancy exists; but the former senior warden remains in office.

8. The facts that a junior warden elect refuses to be installed, and that the former junior warden has removed from the state, are insufficient in themselves to create a vacancy in that office.

9. Under no circumstances does a lodge require a dispensation to install its officers elect.

A considerable portion of the address is devoted to the action of other grand lodges upon the subject of negro masonry. The introduction is as follows:

When we parted last year I rejoiced that, for the first time in many years, this grand lodge was on terms of amity and good-will with every legitimate masonic body in the world. I regret more than words can express that the failure on the part of certain brethren in other jurisdictions to appreciate the responsibilities of the position they had undertaken to fill, as committeemen, to advise their grand lodges of their proper relations towards a subject which you were called upon to consider last year, has placed us in a far different position.

Like the obstinate juryman, who complained that the other eleven did not agree with him.

Upon the topic of masonic libraries and journals he says:

I am unwilling to close this address without recommending the liberal support, by individual brethren and lodges, of masonic libraries and masonic journals. If a personal allusion may be pardoned, I should be glad to voice my gratitude by saying that if any reason exists—aside from your too partial suffrages—why your present grand master was elevated to this exalted station before he had been a master mason eight years, it lies in the masonic library at Walla Walla. But for that admirable institution, also, it would not have been in my power to have properly defended you from the attacks of those who have criticised you during the past year.

As a masonic scholar Bro. Upton is probably without a superior in this country; as a masonic politician he is a most dismal failure.

Congratulations were wired to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota; an interesting address was delivered by Bro. E. N. Parker, acting grand orator; the grand secretary presented his thirty-seventh annual report; a resolution was unanimously adopted deploring the accidental death of the master of one

of their lodges; their liquor legislation of two years ago was referred to a special committee, to report next year; a charter was granted to one of the lodges under dispensation, and the other continued; recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico was deferred; the code was amended permitting a chartered lodge to continue its work under dispensation until properly constituted, and authorizing special dispensation to initiate non residents, provided jurisdiction is waived by the lodge interested; the grand representative system was unanimously re-adopted, at a somewhat inopportune season for fully carrying it out; and the action of 1897 in annulling its edict of non intercourse against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was rescinded and the edict declared in full force, a concession to New York.

The special committee on negro masonry submitted the following report, which was adopted with only two dissenting votes:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the question of negro masonry and all papers relating to this subject, have carefully considered all of said matters submitted to them and respectfully report as follows:

Some of these papers are of the highest importance, and might, no doubt, be discussed with profit at great length; but we have observed a tendency in some quarters to confuse the opinions and arguments of your committees with the declaration of the grand lodge. For this and other reasons we consider it preferable to submit our conclusions, without any extended discussion of the matters before us.

Accordingly, we recommend the adoption of the following declaration, and that your committee be discharged:

DECLARATION.

The Grand Lodge of Washington, in response to the several requests of the M. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, Utah, Massachusetts, and Maine, to the effect that it reconsider its action of last year in adopting four resolutions relating to the subject of masonry among the negroes of America, printed at page sixty of its proceedings for 1898, doth now fraternally declare as follows:

First, That it appreciates to the fullest extent the fraternal feeling and the zeal for masonry which actuated its sister grand lodges in making the requests referred to, and the courteous language in which those requests, in the greater part, are framed.

Second, That it trusts its sister grand lodges appreciate the fact that these requests are presented to it at a time when it is facing at-

tacks upon its autonomy and sovereignty which, if successful, would result not only in the destruction of its masonic independence, but, ultimately, in the abrogation of that principle of local self government, subject to the landmarks only, which has prevailed among masons from time immemorial, and that as these assaults are connected with the resolutions to which our good brethren allude, this grand lodge would hardly be blameworthy if it declined—so long as an enemy is at its gate breathing threatenings and slaughter—to take any step that might be construed as a concession to threats, or that might encourage similar attacks upon it or upon others in the future.

Third, That, notwithstanding these deterrent circumstances, feeling itself strong enough, with the blessing of God, to defend the interest of masonry committed to its keeping, even against the attacks of misguiding brethren; and being most desirous of promoting that harmony which all recognize as the very keystone of masonry; in further continuance of its brotherly love and friendship for the M. W. Grand Lodges of Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, Utah, Massachusetts, and Maine, this grand lodge unhesitatingly and with unmixed pleasure declares its willingness to comply with said requests to the fullest possible extent.

Fourth, That accordingly it has carefully reconsidered its said action and resolutions of last year, with the results stated below.

Fifth, That this grand lodge does not see its way clear to modify in any respect the first of said resolutions, but reaffirms the same, as follows:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this grand lodge, masonry is universal; and without doubt, neither race nor color is among the tests proper to be applied to determine the fitness of a candidate for the degrees of masonry.

And, consonantly with the spirit of that resolution, this grand lodge would fraternally suggest to the whole fraternity, and more especially to those grand lodges whose laws forbid the initiation of men of a certain race, the propriety of carefully considering whether such laws are not inconsistent with the spirit of freemasonry, and whether they place beyond the pale of masonry the bodies which enact them. Upon the latter of these questions this grand lodge expresses no opinion at this time.

Sixth, That it is manifest to this grand lodge that the second of its said resolutions, while entirely clear to all the members of this jurisdiction, has been very generally misunderstood elsewhere; and, in particular, that the latter part of it has been erroneously understood to accord recognition to certain organizations incidentally mentioned therein. Therefore, with the hope of removing all misunderstanding, and satisfying every reasonable objection, said resolution is

hereby repealed. And, whereas, the relations of the Grand Lodge of Washington with the present M. W. United Grand Lodge of England during the whole existence of this grand lodge have been and now are of the most fraternal and cordial character; in view of this and other circumstances, including its own descent, the comity due from one masonic body to another, and its duty to preserve harmony among its own members, this grand lodge does not see its way clear to deny or question the right of its constituent lodges or of the members thereof to recognize as a brother mason any man (otherwise in good masonic standing) who has been regularly initiated into masonry by authority derived, regularly and strictly in accordance with the laws of the masonic institution, from the United Grand Lodge of England or from either of the two grand lodges which joined in forming that united grand lodge in 1813, so long as the regularity of such initiations remains unquestioned by the United Grand Lodge of England; provided, always, that such initiation conflict with no law of the masonic institution, and that the old landmarks be carefully preserved.

Seventh, That, whereas, the third of said resolutions has been widely—though erroneously, as this grand lodge believes—supposed to encourage the establishment of a second grand lodge within the state of Washington; and, whereas, it appears to be open to the objection of pledging this grand lodge to a course in future years which may not be consistent with the judgment of the brethren then composing the grand lodge; and, whereas, this grand lodge is not insistent upon any one plan for dealing with the matter to which that resolution relates, but is willing to consider any plan that may preserve harmony and subserve the ends of truth and justice; and, whereas, the publication of that resolution for one year has served—with our own members and will all by whom the meaning intended was understood—all necessary purposes, and its further publication might lead to further misapprehensions; therefore it is now—

Resolved, that said third resolution be repealed.

Eighth, That this grand lodge fully confirms the several assurances given by its most worshipful grand master during the year, that it has not accorded recognition to a second grand lodge in any state or country.

Ninth, That, whereas, it seems to have been supposed by some of the grand lodges named above that this grand lodge is not in sympathy with the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and might favor dual grand lodges, this grand lodge declares that that supposition is erroneous, and that the circumstances in her history which appear to have led them to that opinion were, to a large extent, occasioned by her desire to avoid a course which she supposed might disturb the harmony of sister jurisdictions.

Tenth. That, whereas, certain novel and erroneous notions upon the subject of masonic government, pernicious and destructive if put in practice, have recently been asserted and adopted with the apparent desire of hampering this grand lodge and destroying its independence, this grand lodge most emphatically declares that, while it expects to continue the practice of that comity towards and consideration for other grand lodges which have characterized every portion of its past history, it will not tolerate the slightest infringement from any source whatever, under claim of right, upon its powers and prerogatives as the sole and supreme constitutional head of a body of independent masonic lodges; and, in particular, it maintains that it is "amenable to no superior jurisdiction under heaven" and, except during its own pleasure, is subject, in matters of masonry, to no law except the landmarks of masonry and its own constitution, and it totally repudiates, as a recent innovation and one destructive of harmony and subversive of inalienable masonic rights, the idea that a grand lodge or its constituent lodges are legally or morally bound by regulations adopted, without their assent, by other grand lodges. Nor can this grand lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her lodges do not possess the plenary rights to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons, claiming to be masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation. This right has been inherent in masonic lodges since the dawn of masonic history, and, in the opinion of this grand lodge, is not to be questioned; yet it is always to be exercised with due comity towards sister lodges, and with the most strict regard for every law of masonry.

This grand lodge has been led to make these declarations of her opinions and purposes, as well by a belief that some fundamental principles of masonry have been overlooked by those who have attacked or criticised her, as by a sincere desire to promote that harmony which is the peculiar strength and support of our institution, for the disturbance of which she is unable to consider herself in any way responsible. She makes no claim to inerrancy of judgment; and wherein she may be in error, whether in these declarations or in any other matter whatsoever, she will always be glad to correct her mistakes. She feels, however, that she is the peer of any grand lodge, and that her reason and her love of masonry should be appealed to, instead of resorting to contumely, reproaches, and violence against her. The world witnesses that this has not always been done; and, while she utters few complaints, grief and disappointment fill her heart when she ponders on the words and actions of some of those of whom she had reason to expect better things.

Finally, The Grand Lodge of Washington sends fraternal greetings to all true brethren throughout the world, of every race, clime, and creed. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and masonic virtue cement us.

This labored manifesto is a practical illustration of how not to do it. While professing to repeal the obnoxious legislation of last year, the grand lodge or its committee or both assume to recognize any masonry derived from or unquestioned by the Grand Lodge of England, a still more sweeping assertion than the one complained of. Such juggling with words is not creditable to the Grand Lodge of Washington or its committee. Had the sixth declaration ended with the phrase "said resolution is repealed," the tom tom allusions to self invited attacks might possibly have been overlooked, and the peace and harmony so hypocritically invoked become at least a semblance of reality.

Your committee does not propose to enter into an extended review of a paper evidently carefully prepared to avoid the disagreeable effects of a square backdown or a yielding of the precious hope to become the messiah of the so-called colored masons of this country. If the brethren in Washington derive any satisfaction from the anomalous position in which they have allowed themselves to be placed they are certainly welcome to it. The fraternity at large, however, is not satisfied, and will not be until the disavowal is couched in language that cannot be misunderstood or explained away.

The Grand Lodge of Washington, which prohibits the initiation of liquor dealers, raps Kentucky and South Carolina over the knuckles for prohibiting the initiation of negroes. Is this an expression of the grand lodge, or merely of the committee or the writer of the report? We don't understand the peculiar method of shifting responsibility in that jurisdiction.

It is perhaps none of our business, but some of us would like to know what effect this alleged repeal of resolution two has upon the status of G. S. Bailey and C. A. Rideout in the state of Washington?

A brief summary of grand lodge action upon the subject has been prepared for the convenience of our brethren:

Alabama, suspends fraternal relations until resolutions are rescinded.

Arizona, action deemed not necessary.

Arkansas, declared non-intercourse.

British Columbia, disapproved by grand master.

California, trusts Washington will join in maintaining masonic principles.

Canada, no action.

Colorado, no action.

Connecticut, disapproved by grand master.

Delaware, all masonic communication suspended.

District of Columbia, disapproved by committee on foreign correspondence.

Florida, suspends all intercourse.

Georgia, congratulates them upon the conservative and conciliatory spirit.

Idaho, holds action to have been repealed.

Illinois, no action.

Indiana, severs fraternal intercourse.

Indian Territory, disapproved by grand master.

Iowa, hopes grand lodge will rescind.

Kansas, disapproved by committee on foreign correspondence.

Kentucky, declared non-intercourse.

Louisiana, suspends fraternal intercourse.

Maine, hopes grand lodge will remove cause of offense.

Manitoba, considers it a serious wrong; action deferred.

Maryland, views with regret and alarm; trusts will reconsider.

Massachusetts, demands a speedy reconsideration.

Michigan, asks for a review and repeal of its action.

Minnesota, postpones judgment.

Mississippi, prohibits any masonic intercourse; regards territory vacant.

Missouri, no action.

Montana, no action.

Nebraska, earnestly urges its duty to rescind action.

Nevada, suspended fraternal relations; edict removed by grand master.

New Brunswick, no action.

New Hampshire, trusts they will reconsider; action deferred.

New Jersey, severs fraternal relations and intercourse.

New Mexico, no action.

New York, formally protests, and hopes action may be repealed.

North Carolina, suspends fraternal relations and masonic intercourse.

North Dakota, no action.

Nova Scotia, no action.

Ohio, no further action deemed necessary.

Oklahoma, urged to retrace her steps.

Oregon, disapproved by grand master.

Pennsylvania, suspends fraternal relations.

Prince Edward Island, views with regret, and trusts has reconsidered action.

Quebec, no action.

South Carolina, severs all fraternal intercourse.

South Dakota, requests a full reconsideration of the subject.

Tennessee, indefinitely suspends fraternal relations.

Texas, suspends all intercourse.

Utah, implores grand lodge to rescind.

Vermont, suspends all masonic intercourse.

Virginia, views with regret and alarm; trusts will reconsider.

West Virginia, disapproved by committee on foreign correspondence.

Wisconsin, severs fraternal intercourse until action is rescinded; set aside by grand master.

Wyoming, fraternally requests them to declare whether they recognize clandestine masons.

The report on correspondence consists of a paper on negro masonry by Bro. W. H. Upton and a review of the unfavorable action of other grand lodges by Bro. T. M. Reed. The subject was so exhaustively treated in 1876-7 and so effectually disposed of that we may be pardoned for declining to give it further space at this time. No new facts have been produced, and probably never will be; yet opinions are thicker than June bugs.

The guild sincerely regret the retirement of Bro. T. M. Reed from the correspondence committee, a position worthily held by him for more than forty years.

M. : W. : W. M. Seeman, Ft. Steilacoom, Grand Master;
R. : W. : T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary;
Bro. W. H. Upton, Seattle, committee on correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1898.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Wheeling, Nov. 15th and 16th, M. : W. : S. N. Myers, Grand Master. One hundred and one lodges represented; one hundred and eleven on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership six thousand, one hundred, and sixty-two; gain one hundred and seventy-nine. Receipts \$4,622.

The death of Bro. Gustav Brown, past grand master, was announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

There were ten approved decisions, including the following:

3. It is the masonic duty of a member who objects to the advancement of an entered apprentice or fellow craft, after ballot has been had, to prefer charges in the lodge against the person so objected to.

4. A lodge cannot grant the use of its lodge room for a place of entertainment. Lodges are dedicated to freemasonry, and should be used solely for masonic purposes.

A lodge of sorrow was held for their deceased past grand officers, with a musical programme and a number of addresses; four charters and one dispensation were granted and two dispensations continued; the annual banquets were limited to \$150 each; a revision of their digest was provided for; the subordinate lodges were recommended to exercise great care and caution in the admission of liquor sellers to membership; a standing committee on masonic home was appointed, with an appropriation of \$2,000 as a starter; amendments to the regulations referring to restoration after suspension and perpetual jurisdiction were adopted; and a telegram of sympathy was forwarded to Bro. A. M. Evans, past grand master, reported seriously ill.

The grand secretary submitted his thirteenth report on foreign correspondence. Minnesota unnoticed as usual.

M.: W.: Joseph Hall, Wheeling, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Atkinson, Charleston, reelected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1899.

The fifty-fifth annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 13th, 14th, and 15th, M.: W.: J. G. Monahan, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-one lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-seven on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Membership seventeen thousand, four hundred and twenty-one; gain one hundred and ninety-five. Receipts \$6,107.93.

The death of Bro. W. T. Palmer, past grand secretary, was announced.

Bro. M. L. Youngs, grand lecturer, gave an interesting summary of his labors during the past forty-one years; a telegram of greeting was sent to Bro. M. F. Hubbard, a veteran of fifty years attendance at grand lodge, and now seriously ill; appropriate resolutions were adopted upon the death of Bro. J. B. Hicks, past junior grand warden, in the New Richmond tornado; two lodges were authorized to consolidate; an appropriation of \$500 was made for the relief of brethren at New Richmond; the amount to be expended for the Washington memorial was left to the discretion of the trustees; \$200 was voted to the chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence to cover his expenses during the past two years; the jurisprudence committee held that there is no masonic law preventing a lodge from meeting over a saloon, but that this matter of propriety should be left for the members to determine; and a jewel was ordered for the retiring grand master.

The special committee on negro masonry reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, the Grand Lodge of Washington having at its last annual communication passed resolutions recognizing as legitimate the negro lodges—grand and subordinate—existing in the United States, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin expresses its most unqualified condemnation of this action, and hereby severs all fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington and its subordinates and members until such time as the Grand Lodge of Washington shall rescind its action on the subject complained of.

A foot note from the grand master states that he has been officially notified that the Grand Lodge of Washington has receded from its action of last year, and therefore intercourse will continue uninterrupted. He must have information not in possession of this committee. The receding as we understand it was a notch the other way.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. Aldro Jenks, who very fraternally reviews Minnesota for two years. He says:

The address of the grand master (Lawless) is terse, sensible, and business like.

The address (Stebbins) shows a faithful and conscientious discharge by the grand master of his official duties.

Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary, submitted his tenth annual report, which is replete with information for the instruction of the grand lodge.

Bro. Irving Todd is the scribe who wields the pen and scissors in preparing the foreign correspondence report, and manages to squeeze it into one hundred pages of printed matter. It is full of nutriment and good things for the satisfaction of the lover of masonry. Bro. Todd is decidedly opposed to recognizing the Gran Dieta of Mexico, and speaks from personal experience.

Bro. Jenks coincides with our views concerning the past master's degree, although his grand lodge has ruled differently.

M.: W.: C. E. Whelan, Madison, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. W. Laffin, Milwaukee, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, committee on foreign correspondence.

WYOMING, 1899.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Cheyenne, Sept. 13th, M.: W.: J. M. Rumsey, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; sixteen on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Membership ten hundred and forty-four; gain fifty-nine. Receipts \$1,284.

The portraits are of the grand master and a past grand master.

The grand master reported that his attempt at forming a supreme or sovereign grand lodge had not been very enthusiastically received by the grand masters to whom his circular letter had been addressed.

Referring to the Grand Lodge of Washington the address says:

I have also received official notice that at the annual communication of that grand lodge, in June last, an ingeniously constructed report of a committee, apparently reconsidering former action, was adopted, which I also submit herewith for such action as you may deem necessary in the premises.

A special committee was appointed to consider the practicability of establishing a masonic library, and report next year; the by-laws were amended making it the imperative duty of every lodge to restrain as far as possible the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors; the recommendation of the grand master to restore the grand representative system was not adopted; the question of a masonic home and the adoption of an official work were referred to special committees, to report next year; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Idaho; an appropriation of \$15 was made to the Washington memorial, their representative to attend at his own expense; a resolution of sympathy was extended to Bro. T. B. Hicks upon the loss of his wife; the time of holding the annual communication was fixed on the first Wednesday in September, at such place as the grand lodge may determine; and a banquet was tendered by the Eastern Star chapter.

The special committee on negro masonry submitted the following report, which was adopted by an unanimous vote:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the most worshipful grand master as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing negro masonry, and the report of a committee of seven past grand masters recommending said action at the recent annual communication of that grand body, respectfully report that we have considered the subject matter and recommend that the action of our most worshipful grand master in requesting a special report from the committee on correspondence, and in printing and distributing said report, be and the same is hereby approved, and that said report be approved as voicing the sentiment of this grand lodge upon the question involved. Your committee is of the opinion that, whilst that grand body has reconsidered the resolutions adopted in 1898, it has not abandoned the position assumed that negro lodges and grand lodges deriving their descent from the so-called African Lodge No. 459 are to all intents and purposes legitimate masonic bodies and the members thereof entitled to visit regular lodges and be affiliated therein. In proof of this we quote the fol-

lowing from the recent report reconsidering said action. * * * Your committee agrees with the position assumed in the last quotation when applied to masons made in regular, just, and lawfully constituted lodges, recognized as such everywhere, but dissent therefrom when applied to men claiming to be masons, whether white or colored, who are held and declared to be clandestine by the grand lodges of the country, either singly or collectively. Your committee is further of the opinion that any man or body of men held and declared by a grand lodge to be clandestine are such everywhere, and that any grand lodge that cannot see its way clear to prohibit the membership of its obedience from setting aside a fundamental law by absolving themselves from the obligations assumed when becoming members, but on the contrary directs such membership to release themselves from their obligations by recognizing clandestine masons held to be such everywhere in this country except within that jurisdiction whenever they are pleased to visit or apply for affiliation, has no right either legally or morally to object or complain when other grand lodges, that have declared such visitors or applicants for affiliation clandestine, cease fraternal relations therewith.

Your committee, whilst recognizing, endorsing, and upholding the doctrine that every grand lodge is sovereign and supreme in the control of matters masonic within its territorial jurisdiction, are of the opinion that there is a distinction or rather a limit beyond which no grand lodge can place itself without jeopardizing its status among the grand lodges of our country, and any grand lodge that recognizes or permits or directs the membership of its constituents to recognize or affiliate with any man or body of men declared by any other grand lodge to be clandestine, places itself beyond the limit and thereby becomes subject to review by all other grand lodges. In other words, no grand lodge can set aside or permit subordinates, much less license the latter, to set aside a fundamental law without subjecting itself to review by all other grand bodies as in the recent case of Peru and the Grand Lodge of Washington itself.

Your committee regrets that the Grand Lodge of Washington did not see its way clear to simply and directly reconsider everything connected with its action of 1898, and remove all grounds of complaint and thus restore peace and harmony that should exist between regular masons everywhere instead of providing ways and means to evade and set aside such reconsideration which the recent report taken as a whole clearly establishes, as evidenced by the quotations cited herein and other language contained in said report.

In view of the unsatisfactory contents of said report your committee feels constrained to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Washington be, and is hereby, fraternally requested to declare explicitly whether any man or body of men, whether white or black, claiming to be masons, held and declared to be clandestine everywhere in this country or by any grand lodge, are or will be permitted to visit or affiliate with any of its constituent lodges, or be recognized by the membership thereof as regular masons.

The grand secretary prefaces his report on correspondence with a touching allusion to his deceased wife, his friend and help meet for more than forty years. In his great bereavement Bro. Kuykendall has the profound sympathy of all of us who have passed through a similar experience.

Of Minnesota he writes :

The oration delivered by the grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, was to our liking, as it dealt with brotherly love, one of the great tenets of our institution, and not in misty cobwebs of the past, having no foundation in fact.

Bro. Irving Todd presented another good report on correspondence in which Wyoming finds a place. We are pleased to note that he takes position with all other reporters save one against the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, recognizing negro masonry.

Under the head of Washington he says :

We had intended to present our views in this review of the Grand Lodge of Washington regarding action recognizing the negro masonry of this country. Having drawn a special report on that subject, which appears herewith, we will not discuss the subject here further than to remark that we believe our northwestern brethren made another mistake in the wording of the report as a whole at recent session, in which appears what is termed a reconsideration of said action. We are sorry the reconsideration was not stripped of all doubtful language and meaning. In all kindness we must say the wording of that report when construed all together is to say the least unfortunate. It seems to be a "will and we won't" production.

M. A. W. : E. P. Bowman, Newcastle, Grand Master ; R. : W. : W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, reelected Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,
For the Committee.

Hastings, Dec. 27th, 1899.

PROCEEDINGS
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Masonic Veteran Association
OF MINNESOTA



AT THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION
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BRO. GEORGE HUNSAKER	St. Paul	Steward.

The Ninth Annual Reunion and Feast will be held in Masonic Temple,
St. Paul, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, 1901.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16, 1900.

Pursuant to notices, duly mailed to all of the members, the first session of the Eighth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association was held this Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, 1900, in one of the parlors of Masonic Hall, at St. Paul, Minn., at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Bro. George R. Metcalf, President.

Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer.

Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary.

Bro. William H. Grant, Historian.

And a number of the brethren.

As per announcement, the general business of the Reunion was deferred until the evening of the 17th.

Applications for active membership were received from fifteen brethren, and they were duly elected. (See Roster Nos. 310 to 324 inclusive.)

Receipts from fifteen petitioners, at \$5, \$75.

Adjourned.

GILES W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 17, 1900.

Pursuant to adjournment the second session of the Eighth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association met in the Blue Room of Masonic Hall, St. Paul, Jan. 17, 1900, at 7:30 p. m.

Present—Bro. George R. Metcalf, President.
Bro. B. F. Farmer, First Vice President.
Bro. Joseph H. Thompson, Second Vice President.
Bro. I. B. B. Sprague, Treasurer.
Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary.
Bro. Benjamin J. Knapp, as Marshal.
Rev. Bro. George H. Davis, Chaplain.
Bro. W. H. Grant, Historian.

And one hundred and fifteen of the brethren.

Such minutes of the Association as had not been printed, and the records of the meetings of the Board of Directors held in 1899, on February 1, March 11, August 29 and December 30, were read and approved.

At these several meetings eleven members had been elected. (See Roster Nos. 299 to 309 inclusive.)

Applications were then received from sixteen (16) brethren for active membership, and they were duly elected. (See Roster Nos. 325 to 340 inclusive.)

All of the brethren in attendance who had been elected to membership since the last Reunion were stationed in the West, and were fraternally greeted by M. W. Bro. Jacob A. Kiester, Past Grand Master, of Blue Earth City, in an

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

VENERABLE BRETHREN: The pleasant duty has been assigned to me by our worthy President of extending to you a hearty welcome to membership in our Veteran Association. To have been admitted as members of this Association is equivalent to a high certification of you and each of you as Masonic workmen of "great skill, true and trusty and as lovers of the Fraternity" for more than a score of years, and during all that time and now, brethren of good standing.

It is a high honor to be admitted here. This Association is made up of brethren of like commendable qualifications.

Here, brethren, you will meet men from all the walks of life—high officials of state, judges from our courts, legislators, clergymen, lawyers, physicians, soldiers of high rank, teachers from our schools and colleges, authors, journalists, farmers, merchants, mechanics; but all have laid aside these distinctive titles for the time being, for we meet here on the level as Masons, who are brethren, and here you should be able to find congenial company. This you will appreciate.

In the outside world, brethren, there are, as you know, forever going on, the wars of creeds and sects, the contentions of political parties, the rivalries and competitions of business, the struggles of the selfish and ambitious; but here none of these things are permitted

to disturb us. The outer door here, as in the Lodge, is closed against them all, and here reign quiet, peace and rest, and fraternal amenities.

Masonry, as you well know, is the oldest, the most perfect and the strongest of all human societies. Existing in all civilized lands, everywhere patronized by men of the highest character and nowhere interfering with any one impertinently, it is silently and effectively doing more than any other society, outside of the Christian Church, to harmonize the discordant elements among men, to teach fraternity and benevolence, the equality of right, justice for all and toleration of honest opinions.

Masonry educates men of all conditions in life in certain great fundamental and unchangeable principles, and elevates, liberalizes and broadens their minds, fitting them largely for all the duties of life. And there are thousands of men in this nation to-day who, through the opportunity which Masonry has afforded them to exercise their talents, their capacities, have developed into eminent and useful public and private citizens.

There are other fraternal and benevolent societies in the land which are also doing great good in the world, but we must not forget that we also share largely in their merit and good works, for most of them have sprung from, and have been modeled largely after, Masonry, and many of their members are Masons.

It is a fact which cannot be gainsaid that the nations where Masonry has most prospered are the most enlightened, freest and most progressive nations of the earth, and I will add that no nation nor people where Masonry flourishes can be ever long enslaved by any despotic power, either in church or state. To be associated with and one of the Veterans of such a society is an honor which any man may esteem.

But Masonry is not only a fraternal, benevolent and moral society; it is also a social institution. Its social features are among its chief characteristics, and our Veteran Association, among other purposes, seeks to perpetuate the old time social character of the fraternity.

When our work is done, and we have laid aside our working tools, we gather around the banqueting board, as you will have the opportunity of doing to-night, and enjoy ourselves for a goodly time in social intercourse, and in listening to good tidings from far and near, to wise words of counsel and to the song and story, as we renew old friendships and make new ones, and partake of the many good things—"the creature comforts"—set out before us on the groaning tables.

"Ended then the Mason's labors,
Past the travel and the toil,
Gather in, ye loving neighbors,
Share the Corn, the Wine, the Oil.

To all these honors, this fraternal companionship and to these other good things, I welcome you to-night; and may you all live long in health and strength to attend these Annual Reunions.

REPORTS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The report of the Secretary for 1899 was submitted as follows:

Active members, Jan. 1, 1899.....	265
Added during the year.....	27
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	292
Died during the year.....	6
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Active members Jan. 1, 1900.....	286
Honorary members, Jan. 1, 1899.....	18
Added during the year.....	4
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	—22
Died during the year.....	1
Honorary members Jan. 1, 1900.....	— 21
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Total membership Jan. 1, 1900.....	307

Receipts for the year 1899 have been—

Fees from twenty-seven petitioners, at \$5.....	\$135.00
Nine orders drawn (Nos. 59 to 67).....	192.52

Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	\$57.52
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The Treasurer's report showed—

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1899.....	\$92.66
Received during the year.....	135.00

Total	\$227.66
Disbursements (Warrants Nos. 59 to 67).....	192.52

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1899.....	\$35.14
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The reports were referred to an auditing committee, Bros. B. L. Perry, J. H. Thompson and W. H. S. Wright, who subsequently handed the results of their examination to the President.

Your committee have examined the reports and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct.

B. L. PERRY,
J. H. THOMPSON,
W. H. S. WRIGHT,

. Committee.

Bills for printing, stationery, postage, and engrossing diplomas, to the amount of \$39.80, were presented and ordered to be paid.

FROM THE GEM OF THE ANTILLES.

A letter was read from Bro. Edgar S. Dudley, a member of the Association, and now Judge Advocate General of the Military Department of Cuba, stating he had presented to Brother Rodriguez, the honorary diploma of membership, voted at our last Reunion. The following letter accompanied it:

ASOCIACION DE VETERANOS MASONES
DE LA ISLA DE CUBA.
HAVANA, CUBA, Jan. 3, 1900.

To the Veteran Masonic Association of Minnesota:

BRETHREN: At the last annual banquet of this Association (Dec. 31, 1899) your diploma of honorary membership was handed to me by the Worshipful Bro. E. S. Dudley. I heartily thank you for the great honor conferred upon me, and sincerely hope that the excellent relations now existing shall forever continue, as a proof of true fraternity between our respective Associations.

I remain, my brethren, most fraternally,
FRANCISCO DE P. RODRIGUEZ.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President nominated for honorary membership William McMurdo, Past President; James Cameron, President, and Henry Dyer, Secretary, of the Scottish Masonic Veterans. They were duly elected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1900.

The officers of the Association for the ensuing year were unanimously chosen:

President—Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf of St. Paul.

First Vice President—Bro. Benj. F. Farmer of Spring Valley.

Second Vice President—Bro. Joseph H. Thompson of Minneapolis.

Treasurer—Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague of St. Paul.

Secretary—Bro. Giles W. Merrill of St. Paul.

Marshal—Bro. Benjamin J. Knapp of St. Paul.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis of Mankato was appointed Chaplain.

Bro. Wm. H. Grant of Sandstone was appointed Historian.

Bro. George Hunsaker of St. Paul was appointed Steward.

THE ANNUAL FEAST.

"The act of feeding, as you understand,
Is but a fraction of the work in hand;
Its nobler half is that ethereal meat
The program calls the intellectual treat."

Thus read the tickets, and to the Veterans who held them, after the tables were cleared, and pipes were distributed,

"To smoke, or not to smoke, that was the question!
Whether 'twas worthier in respect of morals
To cherish the narcotic, as a dainty friend,
Or shun, as dangerous, what some may call
An evil, slavish habit. To smoke!—a luxury
No more; and, by a smoke, to say we make
This life the more worth living, and calm
The storm of thought and nerve: 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished."

The duty of responding to the regular toast, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Minnesota," had been assigned to Past Grand Master Charles Griswold, who, at the last moment, was detained by official duties in the exemplification of the third degree before the Grand Lodge. So the first course of "the intellectual treat" was passed by default.

The President read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

VENERABLE BRETHREN: Apart from recording our mortuary loss for the year, which has been unusually large, including six active members, three of whom were founders of the Association and one carried on our honorary roll, the constitutional duties imposed upon the President, in his Annual Address this evening, are merely perfunctory.

On March 1, 1899, death claimed one of the earlier residents of the state, and one of our active members, in the person of

JOHN WILLIAM BOXELL,

who was born in Muskegon county, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1824. He was raised a Master Mason in Columbian Lodge, No. 134, of Ohio, in February 1853, and so soon as time would permit, was exalted to the Royal Arch, and was created a Templar. He came to Minnesota in 1854, settled at Afton, where he gained renown by his success as a teacher. He removed to St. Paul in 1885, and was connected with the Northwest Magazine, to which he contributed largely, as he was unusually well informed as to the history of the Northwest. In the Civil War he served two years with Company B, Third Regiment Minne-

sota Volunteers. Of Damascus Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, he was one of the few surviving charter members. He had served as Senior Warden in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 65, and was the only member of this Association who had seen his son added to our ranks. One daughter and seven sons survive him. He was buried under the auspices of Damascus Commandery.

WILLIAM H. BURNS,

an active member, died in St. Paul, June 1, 1899. He was born in New York, Feb. 14, 1840, and received the Craft degrees in Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, of the District of Columbia, in the first three months of 1868. At the time of his death he was a member of Shekinah Lodge, No. 171, of Minnesota. He was a brave soldier in a New York regiment during the Civil War until wounded and compelled to retire from the service in 1863. He had been mayor of Panora, Iowa, for six years. He was a Past Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. As a lumber merchant he had acquired a competency, and in this pursuit he was engaged until the end of his career.

DELOS ABRAM MONFORT,

an active member, signer of the call, and one of the most distinguished Masons of the state, died on Aug. 26, 1899, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was born in Downsville, N. Y., April 6, 1835. In 1857 he came to St. Paul, engaged in banking, and followed that occupation until his death. He was the President of the Second National Bank of St. Paul, and was regarded as one of the shrewdest and best informed bankers in the Northwest. He was raised a Master Mason in Otsego Lodge, No. 138, of New York, Feb. 3, 1857. He affiliated with Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, in 1869; received the Capitular degrees in Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, in 1869, and was created a Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 1, of St. Paul, in May, 1869. Three years later, he had attained the rank of Eminent Commander, which position he filled for ten years. He became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1876. It was in Templar Masonry particularly that he was distinguished. Under his direction, his Commandery reached a singular proficiency, both in the work within the Temple, and still more in numerous competitive drills throughout the country. In his day, it was universally admitted to have stood among the first three or four Templar organizations in the United States. Our brother was a worker in the Scottish Rite, and had attained the Thirty-second degree, and the further distinction of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. Had he so chosen, he might have been the Inspector General of the Rite in Minnesota, for

the position was repeatedly proffered him at the hands of the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council at Washington. He left a wife, a daughter and a son to mourn his loss. He was buried in Oakland, Aug. 31, 1899.

EDWARD MARTIN,

an active member, died at his home in Minneapolis, Sept. 23, 1899. Brother Martin was born in Liverpool, England, Oct. 5, 1845. In his application for membership no facts appear beyond the statement that he was raised in Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Nov. 19, 1870, and that he had served as Junior Warden and Chaplain of his lodge. He left a wife and three children. He was buried with Masonic honors.

ALPHONSO BARTO,

an active member, signer of the call and Past Grand Master of Minnesota, died at St. Cloud, Nov. 4, 1899. As the Grand Master of the state has entered into the details of Brother Barto's civil and masonic career in his address this afternoon, it is only necessary to make of record here his connection with this Association. It was during his incumbency of the Grand East that the Association was organized, and, as was fitting, he was first to be approached and to be requested to sign his name to the call for its organization. He read the call, and, with the wariness of the trained politician, asked if there was anything in the organization beyond what appeared on the surface. On being assured that there was not, he signed it with unfeigned pleasure, and from that day until his decease he had never missed a meeting. It may be stated that no member of the Veteran Association had for it a warmer regard, a more loyal desire for its success, and a clearer view of the infinite possibilities of its making for the best interests of Craft Masonry, and renewing the fealty of the older Masons to the fraternity. In the service of his country he reached the rank of Captain in an Illinois regiment. He had been a Master Mason since Nov. 16, 1861, having been raised in Geneva Lodge, No. 139, of Illinois. He was an affiliate of all the different bodies of the fraternity in the state, including those of the Scottish Rite. He was Grand Master in 1891 and 1892. A better Grand Master never presided over a Grand Lodge. Of the state, he was lieutenant governor for one term. Of the many positions of public trust which he had filled it was said:

"During the public career of our departed brother there never has been a suspicion of corruption or malfeasance of any sort breathed against him even by his fiercest political enemies, and he has filled every position, great and small, with fidelity and zeal. His unbounded

good will went out to all, high or low, rich or poor, without reserve and without distinction. He was a model husband and father, a true friend, a kind-neighbor, a good citizen, an honest man, and the richest legacy he leaves to his wife and children is an unsullied name."

No one can ask for greater praise. He was buried at Sauk Center by the Grand Lodge, on the afternoon of Nov. 7, 1899.

RICHARD THOMAS FLOURNOY,

an active member and signer of the call, and, as he loved best to be designated, a Virginian, was born Jan. 2, 1842. Leaving school at the age of nineteen, he entered the service of the South, and fought bravely for the success of the "Lost Cause" for four years and two months. His earthly idols were Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, under whose command he had reached the rank of field officer. He had participated in the historic charge of Pickett's forlorn hope at Gettysburg, and ever afterwards asserted his belief in special providences, for on that occasion he had prayed he might be hit early, and the good Lord granted his prayer. In Cregier Lodge, No. 643, of Illinois, he was raised, Feb. 26, 1870, and he afterwards affiliated with Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, of Illinois. He had been Royal Arch Captain of Washington Chapter, No. 43, Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, and Generalissimo of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar. He died in St. Paul, Nov. 22, 1899, after a lingering illness, which he bore with soldierly patience and undaunted bravery. He was buried in Oakland by Paladin Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, of which he was a charter member.

Some years ago the Association honored itself by electing to honorary membership

HENRY AUGUSTUS DENNY,

of Massachusetts. He was born in Leicester, Oct. 10, 1802, and died in Belchertown, Dec. 11, 1899. He had been raised a Mason in Leicester Lodge, Sept. 8, 1824, more than seventy-five years previously. At the time of the Morgan excitement Brother Denny was Master of his lodge. When it was obliged to disband, Brother Denny promptly united with Worcester Lodge, and on its roll he remained until death. The records of that lodge show that he was the oldest affiliated Free Mason and the oldest Past Master in the state. Until quite an advanced age he lived an active business life, shared in the burden of public offices, and did his whole duty as a citizen and Mason. It is a source of satisfaction to this Association that our recognition of the veteran claims of Brother Denny was one of the chief Masonic pleasures of his declining years.



SAPIENTIBUS LUX !

This emblem was found in the Sarcophagus of one of the great kings of Egypt, entombed in the pyramid erected to his everlasting remembrance.

The device on our Feast tickets this evening, to the thoughtful Mason, who possesses a latent belief in the solar theory of the origin of the Hiramic legend, is strikingly suggestive.

"The form that lies dead before the altar is that of Osiris, the personified sun-god, whom the candidate represents in the drama of initiation, lying dead at the winter solstice. The cross upon his breast refers to the great celestial cross, or intersection of the celestial equator by the ecliptic. The figure of the lion grasping the dead sun-god by the hand alludes to the constellation Leo and the summer solstice, at which point the sun is raised to life and glory, and denotes that the candidate is about to be raised to life and power by the grip of the lion's paw. This is made clearly manifest from the fact that the lion holds in his other paw the ancient Egyptian symbol of eternal life, or the *Crux Ansata*. The tablet at the feet of the candidate has inscribed on it in hieroglyphics the sacred names of *Amon* and of *Mut*, the wife of *Amon Ra*, and probably that of the royal candidate. The figure erect at the altar is that of the Grand Hierophant, attired as Isis, with the vacant throne upon her head, emblematic of the departed sun-god. She has her hand raised in an attitude of command, her arm forming a right angle; her eyes are fixed upon the emblematic lion, as she gives the sign of command that the candidate be raised from death and darkness to light and life. The objects on the altar are two of those peculiar shaped glass jars, with pointed bases, in which wine was kept, and which always had their places on the altars of the gods. The emblem placed between the votive jars was probably a floral offering. There can be no doubt but that the whole device is a symbolical picture of the initiation of some important person into the Mysteries. This ancient Egyptian drawing is a strong and startling testimony of the correctness of the astronomical solution of the legend of Osiris and that of Hiram." (From R. H. Brown's "Stellar Theology.")

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The year 1899 witnessed the completion of the first half century of Masonic history in Minnesota. The event was suitably celebrated by St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, the oldest of the three lodges concerned in

the formation of the Grand Lodge. In the elucidation of its history certain facts have been discovered of general interest to all Minnesota Masons, which may be properly placed on record in the proceedings of this Association.

THE FIRST MASON IN THE TERRITORY.*

With the exception of regular army officers and government officials, some of whom were presumably Masons and may have been previously stationed at Fort Snelling and other military posts in the Northwest, the first Mason known to have entered the territory was Albert Titlow, who arrived in St. Paul in the year 1848. Lot Moffet may have preceded him, for he came in July, 1848, and Norman W. Kittson certainly did, for he was within the limits of Minnesota as early as 1832; but Moffet was not made a Mason until the fall of 1848, when, after receiving his degrees in Hazel Green Lodge U. D. of Wisconsin, he proceeded to Arkansas, and did not return to St. Paul until the spring of 1849, while Titlow is known to have been raised in Dallas Lodge, No. 8, of Wisconsin, as early as April 3, 1847. Titlow had been a soldier in the regular army, serving in the United States Dragoons, and at the time of the Mexican War he again enlisted in the Wisconsin Volunteers, but he was kept with his company at Fort Crawford (now Prairie du Chien), in garrison duty during that struggle, and there joined the lodge while in the service. He was one of the petitioners for a dispensation to form the first Lodge in Minnesota, and, a few years after, he drifted to Kansas, where he became affiliated with Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, and in which his membership lapsed May 19, 1860. The beginning and end of his career are alike unknown. As to Kittson, he did not become a Mason until Feb. 19, 1853. He then resided in Pembina, and made application to Cataract Lodge, No. 2, whose jurisdiction in 1853 embraced, not only St. Anthony on this side of the river, but the entire country, west of the Mississippi to the Rockies, and northerly to the Pole itself.

MINNESOTA'S FIRST INITIATE.

The main facts in the career of Charles Peter Scott, the first initiate of a Minnesota Lodge have been detailed in our proceedings for

* Since writing the account of Albert Titlow's masonic career, Bro. T. C. Clark, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Stillwater, has adduced evidence which shows that two of the charter members of that Lodge, Bro. William Holcombe and Bro. Daniel McClane were residents of Minnesota Territory previous to Titlow's arrival. Inasmuch as Holcombe was made a Mason in a New York Lodge as early as 1826, and McClane in a Pennsylvania Lodge in 1837, Titlow can only be mentioned as the earliest arrival in the Territory of those engaged in the organization of the first Minnesota Lodge in 1849. For details, see Bro. Clark's paper in subsequent pages.

1897. It may now be added to his record that while D. B. Loomis was passed on Oct. 17, and M. S. Wilkinson and C. M. Berg received the Fellow Craft degree on Oct. 20, Scott's crafting was deferred until Oct. 22, but he was raised on Oct. 24, 1849, and his was the first raising to the degree of Master Mason in Minnesota.

THE SECOND INITIATION.

in the Northwest was that of Oliver H. Kelley, on Sept. 24, 1849. Kelley is still living, and resides at Carrabelle, Florida. His description of his reception on that evening is too unique to be confined within the narrow limits of a Lodge history, and it is herewith reproduced from the recently published "Semi-Centennial Celebration of St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, A. A. F. F. and A. F. M. F." It is interesting to compare his description of the first Masonic Hall in the state with the hundreds of beautiful Lodge homes now scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Grand Lodge's jurisdiction:

"The first Territorial Legislature convened Sept. 3, 1849, in the parlors of the Central House. C. K. Smith was the first Secretary of the Territory. I had the honor of being 'messenger of the lower house.' That position brought me many times daily into the office of the Secretary, and we became quite friendly. He told me he had found enough old rusty Masons to organize a Lodge, and a dispensation had been received from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. A week or two after its reception, I was invited to pose as a candidate. They wanted some one upon whom to practice, and I was supposed to be good material. I do not remember about the anteroom, but I do recall the fact that when I entered the Lodge I had no need of a grip sack for extra clothing, or bric-a-brac.

"Observation in Masonic Lodges since convinces me that Smith was right when he told me he had found 'rusty Masons!' I had not made three steps into the room before a discussion opened as to the proper course to pursue. As it made no difference to me, inasmuch as I had never been in a Lodge before, and I was going it blind, after being toted about from one to another, and the debate on 'how to do it,' continuing, I suggested they finish me, and do the disputing afterwards. Some one, I think the Master, very blandly informed me it was none of my business, and that I would be finished in due time. Well! all things come to those who wait, and I soon saw all that was necessary.

"The St. Paul Hotel was a two-story log building, weather boarded. The rooms were lathed and plastered. If memory serves me correctly, the Masonic Hall was in the attic of the L, and it was unfinished. The rafters were tamarack poles, from which the bark had not been removed. The logs on the sides and ends of the room, made the wainscoting. The officers' desks were empty barrels, set on end. Each had a chair, or nail keg, for a seat. The altar was an empty packing box, and three old candle sticks, with half burned tallow dips, illuminated a well-worn Bible, square and compasses. To me, it was a gloomy picture. A blacksmith shop would have been equally attractive. The charge, or lecture, by C. K. Smith, was very well delivered, but the hat he wore had been, to my certain knowledge, unceremoniously sat upon the night before. Several times during the

ceremonies, it required considerable effort to keep from a fit of laughter. I have never been in a Lodge room since where the candidate was allowed to sit down while the Worshipful Master explained to the officers 'what to do, and how to do it.'"

Kelley attended but one other communication of the Lodge. He was crafted on February 21, 1857, and was raised on May 26, 1866. Both degrees were conferred by Cataract Lodge, No. 2.

A BIT OF HISTORY, IF NOT OF LOGIC!

Who can measure the indirect influences of Minnesota Masonry? Kelley was the originator of "the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry," and that Order which has had over twelve hundred thousand members, it is frankly admitted grew out of Masonry. On the occasion of its Silver Jubilee in 1893, it was stated:

"The Order of Free and Accepted Masons is the surviving result of organization among artisan laborers, entered into first at the building of Solomon's Temple and the Pyramids, centuries ago.

"The Order of Patrons of Husbandry, first conceived in practical form by the sagacity of Bro. O. H. Kelley, the founder of the Order, and first put into actual practice by Fredonia Grange, twenty-five years ago, was the first attempt to introduce the benefits of thorough organization among agricultural laborers along the same lines that has made the Masonic Order so widespread and powerful for many centuries of the world's history."

It is therefore a logical deduction from this statement if Kelley is the father of the Patrons of Husbandry, he must be the grandfather of the Farmers' Alliance, and the great-grandfather of the Populist party of the United States. Kelley acknowledges, very willingly, the paternity of the first, but shakes his head dubiously when charged with being the progenitor of the latter two organizations. In any event the germ, long subsequently developed, came into being in that dingy Lodge room in the unfinished attic of the St. Paul Hotel, in the latter part of September, 1849.

THE FIRST MASONIC FUNERAL

in the Territory, as far as is known, was that of Joel Whitney, a sojourner from Maine, who died in St. Paul, and, at the request of the St. Paul brethren, his funeral ceremonies were conducted by Worshipful Brother A. E. Ames and other officers of Cataract Lodge, U. D., of St. Anthony. Their records read:

"EXTRA COMMUNICATION. Met at St. Paul in Lodge room with the Masonic Brethren of that Place, March 24th, A. L. 5852, at 12 M. for the purpose of burying a deceased brother, Joel Whitney.

"Cataract Lodge was opened in due form in the Master's degree.

"Then, on motion, a committee was appointed to draft preamble and resolutions.

Brother A. J. Morgan,
 " D. F. Brawley,
 " H. M. Rice,

who reported preamble and resolutions,

* * * * *

which were unanimously adopted. The Lodge then proceeded to the late residence of Bro. Whitney, and conveyed his remains to his resting place, and then buried his body Masonically. The Lodge then returned to their room and adjourned.

"D. A. Robertson, Sec. pro tem."

ANOTHER GRAND LODGE ORGANIZER.

D. W. C. Dunwell, born in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, New York, Aug. 13, 1817, raised a Master Mason in Mercer Lodge, No. 121, of Ohio, March 20, 1850; dimitted March 27, 1850; came to St. Paul soon after in that year, and immediately identified himself with the Fraternity. He was the third Senior Warden of St. Paul Lodge, and was such at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge in February, 1853, and he participated as a delegate in that convention. He was the first Grand Senior Deacon, having been appointed to the position by M. W. Bro. A. E. Ames. Dunwell is still alive, hence the statements made in previous issues of our proceedings (pages 62 and 114), that Charles Thomas Stearns is, and was, the last survivor of the organizers of the Grand Lodge, must be revised. Of all the surprises an investigation into the history of Minnesota Masonry has occasioned, this is the greatest, for Dunwell was supposed to have joined the great majority years ago. He is, therefore, Masonically, the oldest surviving Master Mason ever in the state. He now resides at Lewiston, Idaho.

THE OLDEST SURVIVING MASTER MASON

raised in a Minnesota Lodge is George Egbert. Egbert came to St. Paul in company with D. F. Brawley in April, 1849. Both were from Platteville, Wis., where Brawley was acting Master, and Egbert was a Fellow Craft of Melody Lodge, No. 2. Being a Fellow Craft only, he could not join in the petition for a dispensation for a new Lodge, but soon after it was received he made application for the Master Mason's degree in St. Paul Lodge U. A. D., on the very evening of the meeting so vividly described by Kelley. On account of continual absences, he did not receive the degree until Aug. 20, 1851. He was the nineteenth Mason raised in the Lodge and in the state. Yet now, as he expresses it in a recent letter, of the eighteen who had preceded him, "Their last resting places are marked by the green sprig, I being left for a time to guard, as it were, the Outer Door against intruders." Eg-

bert was the organizer of the first Lodge in North Dakota, and at present resides in Portland, Ore., where, in his eightieth year, he is enjoying a hale old age.

FIRST MASONIC BANQUET IN MINNESOTA.

Your indulgence is craved while one more episode in the early history of Masonry in Minnesota is related.

"~~There~~ There will be a Masonic Supper at the Central House on Saturday evening next. Tickets \$1. It will no doubt be a pleasant entertainment."

So the *Minnesota Democrat* of December 24, 1851, announced the first Masonic banquet ever held in the Territory, and on the evening of the day of St. John, the Evangelist, and in his honor, as another paper put it, the Masons of St. Paul met in solemn array. D. F. Brawley was called to the Chair; Lot Moffet was made Vice-President, and Andrew Jackson Morgan acted as Secretary. "The object of the meeting being stated in a few able remarks, the company was invited to partake of a most sumptuous repast, prepared in a most exquisite style for the occasion." Unfortunately the "menu" of the "sumptuous repast" has not been preserved, but if it bore due and relative proportion in quantity and quality to the feast of reason that followed, it must be regarded as a record breaker over all Masonic banquets since observed in Minnesota. Albert Titlow unloosed the flow of soul by responding for "St. Paul Lodge, No. 1. May she not be content with her past achievements, but press forward to higher conquests in the future!" William Hartshorn answered for "The Brotherhood throughout the world." Brawley toasted "Aaron Goodrich, whose services and devotion to the cause endear him to every Mason present," and Morton S. Wilkinson toasted "Our Worshipful Master, D. F. Brawley." Charles Symonds spoke for "Freemasonry;" C. V. P. Lull was felicitous in his treatment of "The Day we celebrate," while Brawley, from the chair, eulogized "The Press." James M. Goodhue paid his respects to "Charles K. Smith," and Edward Bryant overflowed with patriotic exuberance as he described the greatness of "Andrew Jackson." Sympathy was expressed for H. M. Rice, absent through illness, and Albert Titlow proposed a toast to "The memory of William H. Randall, Jr., a Fellow Craft," who had died on October 16th preceding. It was drunk standing, and in silence. That was a suitable opportunity to close the proceedings, but Andrew Jackson Morgan desired the assembled brethren to recognize "The European Patriots of 1848" which John Holland did in well chosen words, and then William Hartshorn remembered that "Benjamin Franklin" had been a Mason and should not be ignored. Thomas Burton, afterwards the landlord of the Central House, and with an eye on the future, expressed the business-like wish "May Masons

always abound!" "George Washington," "The Governor and Territorial Officers" as well as "The Union—it must be preserved" presented subjects over which other brethren waxed eloquent. J. C. Ramsey did not remain silent, and Charles J. Henniss spoke as only Henniss could. Charlie Cave paid a fitting tribute to the charms of "The Ladies" and John Holland expressed a wish for 1852. "May the year 1852 see a Masonic Hall which will be at once a credit to the town of St. Paul and our Lodge." The brethren were evidently reaching a stage of unalloyed enjoyment, and were looking at the world through rose colored spectacles, and Charity reigned supreme, for the next toast, proposed by D. W. C. Dunwell, "The Opponents of Freemasonry," was drunk amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. One more to "Our Host" and "the evening, being far spent, on motion, the assembly adjourned in Peace and Harmony, each participant being refreshed and benefited by the convocation."

In the Proceedings of 1897 brief historical sketches have appeared of Cataract Lodge, No. 2, and St. Paul Lodge, No. 3. This evening the history of the third lodge concerned in the formation of the Grand Lodge, in February, 1853, was presented by Bro. Thomas C. Clark, Past Master, of Stillwater, who read a paper entitled

THE FIRST CHARTERED LODGE IN THE STATE.

(St. John's Lodge, No. 1.)

Brother President and Venerable Brethren:

On Oct. 12, 1850, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Master of Wisconsin to a number of Masonic brethren, authorizing them to open St. John's Lodge at Stillwater, Minnesota Territory, and designating F. K. Bartlett as first Master; Benjamin Allen as first Senior Warden, and William Holcombe as first Junior Warden.

Unfortunately no record* can now be found of any action taken under this dispensation, nor is there any member of the present Lodge living, who has knowledge of the Masonic events of that period.

*The following letter, which was found among the papers of our late Bro. C. K. Smith, of Hamilton, Ohio, the first Territorial Secretary, (See Proceedings of 1897, page 11 *et seq.*), is probably the earliest document extant bearing upon the genesis of St. John's Lodge.

"HON. C. K. SMITH,

"STILLWATER, NOV. 2, 1849.

"Sir: We wish you to write when you can come to Stillwater and examine us. We are anxious to get organized as soon as possible.

"By request of our Brethren.

"Yours truly,

"H. CURTIS.

"P. S.—We have four more that we have found, which makes eight Brethren at this place.

Yours,

"H. CURTIS."

On June 9, 1852, a charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which numbered thirty-nine on their roll.

THE FIRST RECORD

to be found, is as follows:

"Record of St. John's Lodge No. 39, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Stillwater, Minnesota Territory, Oct. 9th, 1852, A. L. L. 5852. The Lodge was opened in due form at seven o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice of W. M. F. K. Bartlett.

Present: F. K. Bartlett, W. M., Daniel McClane, H. N. Setzer, George Kerns, Sylvander Partridge, Harley Curtis, and C. D. Bartlett.

Bro. C. D. Bartlett was requested to act as Senior Warden, Bro. H. N. Setzer as Junior Warden, Bro. S. Partridge as Secretary, Bro. H. Curtis as Treasurer, Bro. Dan'l McClane as Tyler, and Bro. Geo. Kerns as Senior Deacon."

It thus appears that only one of the officers named in the dispensation of 1850 was present at this first meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 39, in 1852.

"The charter from the Grand Lodge was read, special notice having been given, that an election of officers would be held, which resulted as follows: F. K. Bartlett, W. M., H. N. Setzer, S. W., William Holcombe, J. W., Daniel McClane, Treasurer, and Abram Van Vorhes, Secretary. "Bros. Kerns, Partridge and Curtis, were duly admitted as members of this Lodge.

"The Secretary was directed to notify the several officers of their election, and it was voted that the installation of the officers-elect should take place on Sat. evening Oct. 23rd at 7 o'clock P. M."

This meeting was held in the attic of the Penney (now the Brunswick) House, on East Chestnut street, which was occupied conjointly, with Minnesota Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F.

PERSONNEL OF THE LODGE.

Of the brethren present at this meeting (data copied from records), Brother Bartlett was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 8, Boston, Mass., Brother Setzer in St. Paul Lodge No. 1, in 1849, Brother Holcombe in Utica Lodge, in 1826, Brother Partridge in Newark Lodge of Ohio, in 1838, Bro. P. M. Harley Curtis in Homer Lodge of New York, Brother McClane in Lebanon Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1837, Brother Kerns in Lodge No. 138 of Pennsylvania, in 1848, Brother Van Vorhes in Washington Lodge No. 164 of Pennsylvania, in 1826, and Brother D. B. Loomis, who appears in the minutes of the next meeting as Senior Deacon, was made a Mason in St. Paul Lodge No. 1, in 1849.

Brothers Bartlett and Curtis were lawyers, McClane and Loomis, lumbermen, Van Vorhes, a surveyor, Holcombe, at that time, receiver of the United States land office, and afterwards the first lieutenant governor of the state, Partridge, a merchant, and Kerns, a farmer.

Governor Holcombe came to the Falls of the St. Croix, Wisconsin Territory, in the fall of 1840, in the employment of the St. Croix Lumber Company, and Daniel McClane was already there when he arrived. They both came to Stillwater in 1845 or 1846, not later than the latter date, and therefore, they were probably the first Masons to acquire a residence in what subsequently became the Territory of Minnesota.

THE FIRST INSTALLATION.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Master's degree, at 4 P. M., Oct. 23, with Bro. W. M. A. E. Ames, of Cataract Lodge No. 9 (?), acting as Junior Warden. Visiting brethren, Brothers Ames, Stearns and Lennon, of Cataract Lodge No. 2, and Brothers Brawley, Dunwell and Cave, of St. Paul Lodge No. 1. The Past Master's degree was conferred on Bro. F. K. Bartlett, by Bro. A. E. Ames, after which the officers were duly installed, presumed by Bro. W. M. A. E. Ames, although the record does not so state. The petitions of Theodore E. Parker and Henry W. Crosby, were received.

FIRST MASONIC WORK IN STILLWATER.

On Jan. 29, 1853, Theodore E. Parker was duly elected, and was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, and on Feb. 5th, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. On March 5th the Finance Committee was authorized to pay the Grand Lodge twenty-five dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated. This was presumedly the fee for the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Although St. John's Lodge was chartered as No. 1 by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Feb. 24, 1853, and incorporated as such under an act of the territorial legislature, approved March 5th of that year, it continued to act under the designation of St. John's Lodge No. 39, of Wisconsin, until May 7, 1853, when we find the following in the minutes of that date:

"On motion of Bro. Setzer it was 'Resolved, That when this Lodge adjourns it will adjourn until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and that the Representatives of this Lodge be instructed to lay our present difficulties before that Grand Lodge, at their next communication for their action and advice, requesting the same to legalize any errors which may have unintentionally been committed by us.'"

Unfortunately there is no record, and no one in possession of the facts, to show what led to this action.

THE FIRST MASON RAISED.

On Aug. 3, 1853, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, met pursuant to notice, under the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, at which time Theodore E. Parker was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and was consequently the first Mason raised in St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

SOCIAL AMENITIES.

On Sept. 10th, M.: W.: G.: M.: A. E. Ames was present and acted as W.: M.: "A petition was presented to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, for a dispensation authorizing the Lodge to enter, pass and raise to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, on the same evening, Alva D. Heaton, who had been previously balloted upon." The dispensation was granted, and the degrees conferred at this meeting, Brothers Brawley, Murray, Dunwell and Cave, of St. Paul Lodge No. 3, being present as visitors. The records show that on many subsequent occasions and notably at the annual installation of officers, there were visiting brethren present from the sister Lodges, Cataract No. 2, and St. Paul No. 3, and nearly always one or more members of the Grand Lodge, showing that the fraternal interest and the desire to help one another strongly characterized these Pioneer Lodges of our state.

THE LODGE'S HOMES.

On July 7, 1856, the Lodge occupied new quarters, again conjointly with the Odd Fellows, in the Sawyer building, now occupied by Bronson and Folsom, on South Main street, and in September, 1861, removed with the Odd Fellows, to the Holcombe building, on the corner of Main and Chestnut streets, remaining there until the fall of 1873, when for the first time they occupied a hall by themselves, in the Staples block.

In 1894 the Lodge rented the entire third story of the new Staples block, on the opposite side of Main street, which story contained 9,000 square feet of floor surface; arranged and fitted it up for the accommodation of all the Masonic bodies of the city. Here in this spacious and beautiful hall, one of the best equipped in the state, the Lodge will probably find a resting place, until perchance, sometime in the future, it may move into a building of its own.

ITS MILITARY AND OFFICIAL MASONIC RECORD.

From 1854 to 1865, the growth of the Lodge was slow, the war seriously interfering with it. Of its members, during and subsequent to that period, forty-one wore the blue, including Colonels Minor F. Thomas, Edwin A. Folsom and Roscoe F. Hersey; Captains Loomis, E. V. Holcombe, Bromley and others; a striking evidence, surely, that Masonry does not conflict with loyalty to one's country, but rather that it fosters it. Under the leadership of such eminent Masons as Loomis, Durant, Castle and W. G. Bronson, the Lodge grew rapidly from 1865 to 1870, and from that time on there has been a steady growth.

When we consider that Stillwater contains the initial lodge of three prominent organizations, viz.: St. John's Lodge No. 1 A.: F.: and A.: M.:, Minnesota Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., and Muller Post

No. 1, G. A. R., we are reminded that the little city on the beautiful shores of Lake St. Croix was founded in the early days of the history of our beloved state, and we are not surprised that with the deaths of Brothers Loomis and Setzer, in 1897 and 1898, the last of the pioneers of Masonry in Stillwater passed away.

Among the honored dead are Past Masters Bartlett, Setzer, Mower, Loomis, Thompson, Murdock, Levy, Frank, Lehmicke and Smith. Of all the members of the Lodge before 1865, but nine are still living, and only twenty-seven of those who joined previously to 1870.

The Lodge has had twenty-eight Masters since its organization, eighteen of whom are still living.

It has furnished one Grand Master, six Deputy Grand Masters, three Senior Grand Wardens and one Junior Grand Warden, besides other Grand Officers.

Its total membership since organization is three hundred and sixty, and its present membership is one hundred and seventy-two. We have fifty-one nonresident members. This large number indicates the attachment of its members to old No. 1, since very few who move away ever ask for a dimit. An application for membership was recently received from a brother eighty-four years of age, now residing in Montana, and who was stricken from the roll several years ago for nonpayment of dues. He stated that he wished to die on the active roll of the old Lodge.

In closing this short and imperfect sketch of old St. John's Lodge No. 1, let me call attention to the valuable service this Association is rendering to the Craft in gathering and publishing historical facts of great value pertaining to the early history of the Pioneer Lodges of our state, and in emphasizing the necessity of procuring such information while those who took an active part in the formation of the Lodge are still alive and able to supplement the often imperfect record with their recollections and enrich the narrative with their personal reminiscences. With the death of Brothers Loomis and Setzer there passed away the last of the pioneer and charter members of St. John's Lodge No. 1 who were able to give an account from their personal recollection of the beginnings of Masonry in Stillwater, a fact which will be a source of lasting regret to those who would love to have a detailed account of the history of those early days.

The second historical paper was by Bro. Harry E. Whitney, Past Master, of Faribault, and treated of

FARIBAULT FREEMASONRY.

(Faribault Lodge, No. 9.)

Brother President and Venerable Brethren:

In collecting the material for a history of Faribault Lodge, No. 9, difficulties have been met with, owing to the meagerness of the early

records. We may say, however, that, from its inception, it has met the earnest support and hearty coöperation of its founders, and to this day its influence is felt wherever the Order prevails, even though many of its originators are wrapt in the close embrace of death. This Lodge has seen its days of prosperity and adversity, and has many times been hemmed in by doubts and fears, when a mere handful of true and faithful brothers stood shoulder to shoulder and kept it alive by their zealous and earnest efforts. Those days have happily passed, and the bright light of prosperity has placed it in the foremost rank of the successful Lodges, owing allegiance to this Masonic Jurisdiction. It is not our purpose to enter into the many details of its well-nigh fifty years of existence; but rather to give the concise facts in as pleasing form as truth will admit.

On the third day of March A. D. 1856, A. C. L. 5856, Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, issued his dispensation for a Lodge to be held in the town of Faribault, Minn., appointing Bro. C. A. Cottrell, Worshipful Master; Bro. John C. Whipple, Senior Warden, and Bro. John Cook, Junior Warden; and on the tenth day of March, 1856, was held the first regular communication of Faribault Lodge, No. 9, U. D. meeting (if our information is correct), in a hall in the second story of Tower's building, on the northwest corner of Main and Second streets. The room was about sixteen by thirty feet in dimension, furnished in a humble way, provided with the necessary paraphernalia for conferring the degrees, in marked contrast, however, to the roomy apartments and well appointed furnishings of these later days. In the East sat Bro. C. A. Cottrell, a most earnest and zealous Mason, always striving to be right and just, both in the affairs of men and Masonic erudition, well versed in the Ritual or "Work" of that day. In the West sat Bro. John C. Whipple, one of the most able men Masonically that this Lodge has ever known, one who has been loved and revered by his brethren for years since his death, the pink of integrity and uprightness. His delivery of the several Masonic lectures, rendered in a clear, emphatic, conversational manner, has become a matter of history to the living members of the Lodge. Bro. John Cook "called the Craft from labor to refreshment." These, with General Shields, the famous senator from three states, and five other brethren, with visiting members from Blufftown Lodge, No. 145, Jurisdiction of Indiana, constituted the nucleus of No. 9. Several petitions for degrees were received, and, in due course of time, balloted upon and elected. During the first few months of its existence, the Lodge grew rapidly; meetings were frequent, and, as was customary, or at least permissible, at that time, we find that the Lodge was often in session for several days at a time, being simply called from labor to refreshment, and *vice versa*, from day to day. Ballots were spread for each degree, and frequently a

second and third ballot was had, when the first did not elect, very peculiar proceedings, which would hardly be upheld in these later days of enlightened Masonry. That the Lodge prospered financially may be inferred from the fact that eight jewels (of pure silver), collars and aprons were ordered for the officers, a new Masonic carpet, a chandelier with four lights (a great luxury and extravagance), twenty-four scarfs and twenty-four aprons for the Brethren, as shown by the following letter of Bro. Cottrell to Most Worshipful Grand Master Pierson, which may perhaps be of interest:

FARIBAULT LODGE, March 27, '56.

Rt. Worshipful Bro. Pierson,

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 24th inst. was read before the Lodge on Tuesday last, (our regular semi-monthly meeting) and I am happy to inform you that all the members (General Shields not excepted) fell in unhesitatingly and accept of your offer, in procuring for us the eight jewels, square and compass, together with eight collars and aprons. The jewels of insignia to be of pure silver, the aprons as mentioned in your letter, also, the collars. There was a motion made by General Shields at our meeting, that the Secretary be authorized to order through you the above mentioned paraphernalia together with a master's carpet (not an expensive carpet) and 24 scarfs and aprons, such as will be uniform at the coming procession, and the Lodge has authorized the Secretary, Bro. James M. Tower to order the same, also to state to you that the money will be forthcoming on the delivery of the articles ordered. * * * Allow me to give you a statement of our work since the Dispensation was granted. Eight petitioners being Master Masons, three Master Masons by demit, forming eleven and six Entered Apprentice Masons forming in the whole seventeen, all of the best material, and six more desirous of receiving the rights and benefits of the Order, while we hear of many more coming in, hailing from other Lodges in every quarter. All that mars my joy is, that I wish they had a better Master than

Your Humble Brother,

C. A. COTTRELL.

Among those who were raised while the Lodge was working under dispensation, and who have since become well known both as men and Masons, we may be permitted to mention Hon. George W. Batchelder, H. E. Barron, R. H. L. Jewett, Dr. N. M. Bemis and C. C. Perkins, all of whom "have passed to that bourne, from which no traveler returneth," save Brothers Batchelder and Jewett, who are still active members of this Lodge and honored in the community in which they live. On Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1856, Bro. John Cook prayed that a dimit be granted him from the Lodge, which was favorably acted upon, and a vote of thanks extended him by the Lodge, "for his prompt and punctual attendance and for the interest taken by him for the welfare of the craft and his untiring zeal in the propagation of the principles of Friendship, Charity and Brotherly Love."

In accordance with the following edict the Lodge was duly constituted:

"OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 29, 1857.

To all whom it may concern:

Know ye, that I, A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, reposing special confidence in the skill, prudence and integrity of our Worshipful Brother C. A. Cottrell; (being unable to attend in person) I hereby nominate and appoint him my proxy to constitute "*In Form*," the brethren of Faribault, Rice Co., into a regular Lodge to be known and distinguished by the name of Faribault Lodge No. 9, and to install their officers elect, according to the ancient forms and usages of the craft and for so doing, this shall be his warrant. Our Worshipful Brother Cottrell will return this Proxy with a Report of his doings immediately thereafter.

Given under my hand and private seal this twenty-ninth day of January A. D. 1857 A. T. C. 5857.

A. T. C. PIERSON G. M.

On the seventeenth day of February, 1857, Bro. Cottrell writes that in accordance with the above edict, with such assistance as he could find, he did, on the 7th inst., install, "*in form*," the following officers: Bro. John C. Whipple, Worshipful Master; Bro. E. C. Hicks, Senior Warden; Bro. E. C. Houck, Junior Warden; Bro. C. A. Cottrell, Treasurer (had a substitute); Bro. S. C. Gilmore, Secretary; Bro. K. Flanders, Senior Deacon, and Bro. R. H. L. Jewett, Junior Deacon, for the ensuing Masonic year, adding that he had no form, neither did he know that any was requisite, pleading ignorance in such matters, as it was a new thing for him to be Grand Master, *pro tem*. At this time there were forty-four members in good standing, nearly one-third as many members as we have at present, showing that the zeal and interest of the earlier brethren was not lacking in the least. On several occasions the Lodge held its communications in a log house, on the south bank of the Cannon River, nearly opposite the Hulet farm, the reasons for which are at present unknown to the writer. Bro. John C. Whipple was twice reelected as Worshipful Master. He was succeeded by Bro. Solon C. Gilmore, who served one year, being followed by Bro. N. M. Bemis for two years, when Bro. Thomas Carpenter was chosen to succeed him. During Bro. Carpenter's administration internal dissensions, which had, for several years, threatened the very life of the Lodge, arose and culminated in the arrest of the Charter, Sept. 1, 1863. According to Bro. Thos. Montgomery (page 24, proceedings of Masonic Veteran Association, 1897), the Lodge, No. 9, was charged with gross irregularities, which were investigated by the Grand Master in person, the charges found sustained, and charter arrested. His action was upheld, and a petition for the restoration of

the charter was refused by the Grand Lodge in October, 1863, owing to evidence of a discordant element among the members. Several visits were paid to Faribault by the Grand Master, but all of no avail, until finally he discovered this discordant element, suspended two of the offenders, and with the approval of the remaining members placed the charter in the hands of a Past Master, Bro. Luther Dearborn, as his proxy, and authorized a resumption of labor. At the Grand Lodge session of October, 1864, the charter was restored, and the Lodge ordered to prefer charges and try the members suspended by the Grand Master. From Grand Master Prescott's address, in 1865, we learn that, in May of that year, he was advised by Brother Dearborn that the trouble still existed, tarnishing the fame both of the Lodge and of Masonry, and that, on June 1st, the charter was surrendered, with the consent of nearly all the members. A petition for a new Lodge immediately followed, and was granted June 7, 1865, and Brother Dearborn directed to receive all the money, records and property, and forward to the Grand Secretary, retaining the jewels and furniture for the new Lodge. There were ninety members on the roll at this time, but more than one-half had been stricken from the roll, or had withdrawn. The new Lodge was chartered Oct. 25, 1865, as Faribault Lodge, No. 53, but by vote of the Grand Lodge, it was changed to No. 9, on Jan. 15, 1869, which accounts for the disappearance of No. 53 from the Roll of the Grand Lodge. The minutes of the Lodge, which have been preserved, show nothing of the trials and tribulations which beset the Master and his officers at this trying time. That Brother Carpenter was in no wise responsible for the causes which led to the arrest of the charter is shown by the sanction of the Grand Master, ratifying his appointment as Senior Warden by Brother Dearborn when the charter was given into his keeping. From this time the Lodge began its era of prosperity and progress. Old scores were forgotten, peace and harmony prevailed, the future looked bright and encouraging. We were honored with the presence of the officers of the Grand Lodge on April 6, 1866, Most Worshipful Grand Master Prescott installing the officers of the Lodge publicly, in Metropolitan Hall, where a bounteous repast was enjoyed "amid a feast of reason and flow of soul." Rev. Dr. S. Y. McMasters of St. Paul, at that time a very honored and respected Mason, delivered a most scholarly and instructive address. The prospects of the year were as bright and inviting to the brethren as had been experienced at the first. Many men who afterwards became prominent in various walks of life knocked at the door and were admitted, which infused activity, and gave promise that in the future No. 9 would redeem herself and become first among her equals. For a period of six years the growth of the Lodge was steady, and as numbers increased the Old Hall was found too small for the suitable accommodation of the brethren, and

more commodious quarters were found in the new stone building erected by Mr. Geo. F. Batchelder. Subscriptions were raised and festivals of various kinds were held (in which the ladies kindly and promptly aided), that funds might be provided for the furnishing of the new rooms, which were at that time equal to any Lodge room in the Jurisdiction. For many years the Lodge had met in their rooms in the old Tower Hall. The companionship of men and reminiscences of events that are coupled with these meetings can never be told,—the ups and downs, the dashing spirit of activity, followed by apathy and sluggishness. How the minds of the brethren wander backward, and enter every nook and corner of the Old Hall, remaining sufficiently long in each to dwell upon some particular object of interest, or to look back to scenes recalled by some familiar face and called to mind by some trite word spoken at that time! The new element that had undertaken the management of the body was composed of men of good judgment,—earnest workers who gave promise of hard and well directed labor,—and at last placed the Lodge once more on the road to prosperity. They knew the battle was to be a severe and difficult struggle, and hence bent every effort to accomplish their cherished purpose, and well did they succeed. Later, as the numbers increased, it was determined by the Lodge to have an abiding place to be called its own. With determined hearts and indefatigable exertions, the brethren put their shoulders to the task. The Masonic Hall Building Association was formed and on the twenty-second day of February, 1876, the beautiful, convenient and commodious Masonic Hall, thoroughly completed and furnished, was formally and publicly dedicated to the uses of Masonry, Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, then Grand Secretary, acting as Grand Master; Bro. C. N. Daniels, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, making the usual address upon such an occasion, after which the beautiful and impressive ceremony of dedication was celebrated in due and ancient form. The address of dedication delivered by Bro. Benj. F. Bryant of La Crosse, Wis., was one of the most appropriate and eloquent efforts ever made in the city. It was indeed a proud day for the Masonic Fraternity, and the individual exertions of every member, the harmony with which they worked, the utter lack of discord is something that the brethren of No. 9 will long remember with satisfaction and pleasure. The expense of fitting up the Lodge rooms was heavy, but the satisfaction that our Mother had now a home of her own more than compensated, for it is an attraction to our city in which all can take pride and interest. On June 28, 1878, our home was destroyed by fire, nothing being saved except some of the records of the Lodge, the charter, columns and Master's table. The Knights of Pythias courteously tendered the use of their hall, which was cordially accepted, and for some months regular communications were held there. Did our brethren despair? No! Renewed exertions

were put forth; greater zeal than ever was manifested and phoenix-like from the ashes rose a new edifice, and on the evening of Dec. 18, 1878, the opening reception was held. All the brethren were proud and happy, and the guests of the evening shared this feeling with them. From this time to the present date, the Lodge has passed through various periods of rapid growth and advancement, as well as stages of stagnation and decline; but through sunshine or shadow, darkness or despair, through the thorough efficiency of its officers the reputation of the Lodge for doing good work and true work has always been maintained. Of our Past Masters, eleven are still living; the others have kissed the earth in mortal sleep. Many of our members have held prominent positions in the state and the Fraternity, the gifted Cole, attorney general of our own state; the genial Emmett, our first chief justice; the lamented Thomas, bishop of Kansas; the saintly and courteous George B. Whipple; brave and true John C. Whipple, one of the heroes of Fort Ridgely; the talented Dearborn, who possessed abilities such as would make him a leader anywhere; the heroic Shields, senator from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, who led the South Carolina troops at Chepultapec, and commanded a brigade in the Civil War; Daniels, most learned in Masonic lore, for many years Grand Lecturer in this jurisdiction; and others, whose names with us are as household words. From our past and present members we have had representatives in the Grand Lodge, two Deputy Grand Masters, Bros. J. C. Whipple and G. H. Davis; in the Grand Chapter, Bro. Luther Dearborn, Grand High Priest; Bro. Daniels, Deputy Grand High Priest; in the Grand Commandery, Bros. L. Z. Rogers and H. E. Whitney, Grand Commanders; Bro. Thos. Mee, Deputy Grand Commander; Bro. G. H. Davis, Grand Prelate and Past Grand Master of Idaho, and other subordinate officers of Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

In closing this brief historical sketch, let this be our fervent wish. May we stand united, cemented by memories and bound by dear associations! Remain united and a glorious future awaits you! May no distracting influences ever divide you, and though honest differences may arise, let them be but a brother's friendly rivalry! As the fog that sweeps over the sea at night is dissolved by the warm rays of the morning sun, so, under the influence of honest loving hearts, may all clouds disappear and nought be seen but clear sky in the East, the South and the West.

"Our Father's God, from out whose hand
The Centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet to-day, united, free
And loyal to our land and Thee
To thank Thee for the era done,
And trust Thee for the opening one."

A MESSAGE FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

At the Reunion of 1899 the guest of the Association was Bro. Arthur Williams, Captain Third Infantry, U. S. A. Brother Williams was then on the eve of departing for the Philippines with his regiment. He had promised to inform the Association of any Masonic matters of interest that might come to his attention. In a letter read by our Venerable Chaplain, dated from Quingua, P. I., Nov. 19, 1899, Brother Williams gave an exceedingly interesting and detailed account of his voyage from Gibraltar to Manila. It was listened to with profound interest by the members of the Association, and the thanks of the Association were voted to the author. The Masonic references are herewith reproduced:

"My knowledge of Masonic matters is exceedingly limited, largely owing, perhaps, to my having been placed in situations where it is least likely that I would learn of Masonry.

"I send you a clipping from the 'American,' published in Manila, which will show you that Brother Pierce, a highly esteemed officer and an enthusiastic Mason, head of the P. E. (Anglo-American) society here, is stimulating Masons to action.

"Brother Pierce promised me that he would try to give me some notes on Masonry, if he could find time to do so; but he has been greatly overworked and is in ill health, and moreover I have not been in Manila for some months.

"As far as I can learn, Masonry was hated with an extreme hatred by the Spanish priests—men who were undoubtedly in many instances immoral and licentious, men who grew fat on the poverty of the Filipinos, who taught them 'Catecismo' and the 'Credo,' and then turned attention to carnal matters of a very low order; men who have left monuments in other towns, as in Quingua, in the shape of handsome residences, the property of the priest's son(!) These priests figured greatly in opposing us after the declaration of the Spanish-American war. Americans, they taught, were heretics, *Masons*(!) and demonia (demons)—names which to the average Filipino described the creatures most to be abhorred.

"I am told—the facts are probably true, but are not verified or established—that Aguinaldo and the leaders of the insurrection possess Masonic degrees. Dr. Jose Rizal is spoken of as a Mason. Certainly it is that the same war against *intolerance* that figured in the American and French revolutions was fostered and guided by men who knew something of Masonic teachings.

"The Katipoonan (secret society in which the members pledge themselves never to submit to be ruled by a foreign people, and in which they are said to devote themselves to death before yielding), has,

it is claimed, many signs and forms copied from Free Masonry. All that I know of this is that I saw dead Filipinos on the Malolos advance wrapped in a black cloth with cross-bones and skull painted on it.

"After what I have said, one would scarcely look for Masonic signs or symbols on buildings. I have examined the old churches, surveyors' monuments, etc., but all the symbols are Roman Catholic, or perhaps heathen. The cross, the flaming heart, crown of Spain, head and wings of cherubs are quite prominent. Most of the better class of houses have a cross over the principal entrance, and also on the peak of the roof.

"Brother Pierce, who was here before the outbreak of February last, told me that he had been assured by a Masonic friend that had he (the friend) and some others been permitted to visit Malolos (the then seat of Aguinaldo's government), and been allowed to explain the intentions of the United States *on the word of a Mason*, he believes that there would have been no insurrection. The difficulty was that mistrust as to our intention and character (falsified both by Spanish priests and by corrupt leaders) could not be removed. This could have been remedied had Masonry had a chance to uphold the word of the speaker."

Acknowledgments and regrets were received from our many honorary members and distinguished Masons to whom invitations had been sent. The proceedings were ordered to be printed and distributed as heretofore.

Receipts from sixteen petitioners, at \$5 each, \$80.

Adjourned at 11:15 p. m.

• GILES W. MERRILL.

Secretary.

APPENDIX.

AN EPITOMIZED SKETCH OF ZION LODGE, NO. 55.*

BY BRO. GEO. W. SEYMOUR, PAST MASTER.

On March 3, A. D. 1866, A.°. L.°. 5866, in pursuance to a call issued by Bro. H. N. Setzer, and by virtue of a dispensation granted by M.°. W.°. Bro. George W. Prescott, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Minnesota, a group of Masons was assembled in the town of Taylor's Falls, Chisago county, for the purpose of organizing a new Masonic Lodge. The dispensation was read, and Bro. H. N. Setzer and others, filling the required official positions, opened a Lodge in form on the first degree of Masonry. Labor was suspended on first degree and a Lodge of Fellow Crafts was opened. Labor was suspended on the Fellow Crafts degree and a Lodge of Master Masons was opened. Present, H. N. Setzer, as Worshipful Master; N. M. Humphrey, Senior Warden; L. W. Folsom, as Junior Warden; Silas Humphrey, John T. Castellow, E. Shogren and Louis Shogren, petitioners for the dispensation, and eighteen visiting brethren from Osceola Lodge, No. 134, of Wisconsin. The Worshipful Master appointed Bro. Silas Humphrey, Treasurer; Bro. E. Shogren, Secretary; Bro. John T. Castellow, Senior Deacon, and Brother Louis Shogren, Junior Deacon. Four petitions were received and referred. A Lodge of Master Masons was closed, and labor resumed in the Fellow Craft degree. A Lodge of Fellow Crafts was closed, and labor was resumed in the Entered Apprentice degree. Zion Lodge U.°. D.°. was then closed in form.

From that date until Oct. 20, 1866, fourteen communications of the Lodge U.°. D.°. were held. John L. Bullard and Franklin S. Eddy were the first to be initiated, on March 17. They were passed on April 7, and Brother Bullard was raised on May 5, and Brother Eddy on June 16. While under dispensation George W. Murdock and Wyman X. Folsom also received the three degrees.

* Omitted from the Proceedings of 1896 (see page 32 of that year).

THE LODGE CONSTITUTED.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Oct. 23, A. D. 1866, A. L. 5866, a charter was granted (issued October 24th) to Zion Lodge, No. 55. Acting as proxy for and under a warrant issued by M. L. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, W. L. Bro. H. D. Barron, at a communication of the Lodge on Dec. 15, A. D. 1866, A. L. 5866, constituted the Lodge. The Lodge was opened on the third degree. The officers were installed:

Bro. Henry N. Setzer.....	Worshipful Master
Bro. Noah Marcus Humphrey.....	Senior Warden
Bro. Levi Woodbury Folsom.....	Junior Warden
Bro. Silas Humphrey.....	Treasurer
Bro. Wyman X. Folsom.....	Secretary
Bro. John T. Castellow.....	Senior Deacon
Bro. Franklin S. Eddy.....	Junior Deacon
Bro. Louis Shogren.....	Tyler

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Lodge duly constituted. Of the original charter members, four still remain on its roll—Bros. H. N. Setzer, L. W. Folsom, George W. Murdock and W. X. Folsom.

EDUCATION OF THE LODGE.

At the outset, and for several years, it was a laborious undertaking for the Lodge to meet its necessary expenses, including the amount needed for equipment, yearly rent, and Grand Lodge dues. Like the majority of country Lodges, its members were dependent on manual toil to supply the daily necessities of themselves and families. Other claims, not unusual in the experience of country Lodges, developed. Two may be mentioned which taught the Lodge wisdom. A person claiming to be a Mason in high standing, well posted in Masonic lectures, and bright in Masonic lore, pleading distress, succeeded in borrowing a large sum from the members of the Lodge, promising to return the same in a few days. Neither the distressed Mason nor the borrowed money have ever since been seen. Another educational experience: A soldier, hailing from another jurisdiction, came among us, sickened and died. At the request of the Lodge to which he belonged everything was done to add to his comfort. When a memorandum was sent to his Lodge of the expenses incurred in his sickness and burial, his Lodge replied that the expense was too great, and that Zion Lodge should meet it in full, "but should it ever happen that one of your members should fall sick in our jurisdiction, this Lodge would see that he was well cared for." Notwithstanding such experiences, Zion Lodge, No. 55, is still alive and flourishing.

RESUME.

Entire membership to date.....	94
Withdrawn	27
Stricken from the roll (at own request).....	1
Died	18
Readjoined	2
	— 48
In good standing Jan. 1, 1896.....	46

There have been no suspensions nor expulsions. No member of the Lodge has ever been convicted of a violation of the law. No serious quarrel or vexatious law suits have arisen among the Lodge's members.

THE RULERS OF THE LODGE.

During the nearly thirty years of its life, the Lodge has been presided over by nine Masters: W. Bros. H. N. Setzer, L. W. Folsom, F. S. Eddy, J. H. McCourt, George W. Seymour, D. M. Woodbury, W. S. Dedon, Wyman X. Folsom and E. E. Blanding.

IN CONCLUSION,

it may be said that the history of Zion Lodge, No. 55, is a picture of the uneventful career of hundreds of country Lodges, and yet such Lodges, doing their duty simply and unostentatiously, are keeping the fire of Masonic brotherhood burning upon their altars, as clearly and as persistently, as the great and strong and wealthy Lodges located in our larger cities and towns. They are, in deed and in truth, the backbone of Masonic power and influence.

NOTICE.

The active members of this Association shall be composed of Masons in good standing, and of twenty-one years of Masonic age, resident in Minnesota, who may petition to become such. The admission fee for active membership is five dollars. This includes the badge and certificate of membership. There are no annual dues. *Masons* of fifty years' standing are admitted without fee. Elections to membership occur at intervals throughout the year. Blank petitions may be obtained from the Secretary, Giles W. Merrill, 669 Laurel av., St. Paul.

Including the members elected since Jan. 1, 1900, there are now, March 5th, 317 active members and 24 honorary members, a total of 341 members, as per the following list:

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	George Reuben Metcalf	St. Paul.	July 11, 1870	Founder.	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
2	Henry Ladd Carver*	St. Paul.	Feb. 21, 1857	Founder.	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
3	Benjamin Franklin Farmer	Spring Valley.	Mar. 22, 1867	Founder.	Spring Valley.	58	Minn.
4	Milton Emory Powell.	Redwood Falls.	April 27, 1867	Founder.	Antiquity.	91	Minn.
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6	Giles William Merrill.	St. Paul.	Oct. 31, 1850	Founder.	Summit.	163	Minn.
7	William Henry Sterling Wright.	St. Paul.	May 5, 1870	Founder.	Summit.	163	Minn.
8	Luther Zoan Rogers*	Waterville.	Sept. 14, 1838	Founder.	Sakalah.	32	Minn.
9	Daniel B. Smith.	Austin.	July 21, 1864	Founder.	Fidelity.	39	Minn.
10	Samuel Emory Adams.	Minneapolis.	Nov. 8, 1853	Founder.	Minneapolis.	19	Minn.
11	Alphonso Baro*	St. Cloud.	Nov. 16, 1867	Founder.	Star in the West.	60	Minn.
12	Joseph Hayes Thompson.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 1, 1856	Founder.	Minneapolis.	19	Minn.
13	Philip Small Harris.	St. Paul.	July 1, 1860	Founder.	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
14	Dwight Major Baldwin.	Red Wing.	April 6, 1866	Founder.	Red Wing.	8	Minn.
15	John H. La Vaque.	Duluth.	Jan. 22, 1870	Founder.	Palestine.	79	Minn.
16	Walter Van Brunt.	Duluth.	Feb. 20, 1863	Founder.	Palestine.	79	Minn.
17	Daniel H. Moon.	Duluth.	Jan. 23, 1869	Founder.	Summit.	103	Minn.
18	Richard Thomas Flournoy*	St. Paul.	Jan. 16, 1870	Founder.	Cleveland	211	Ill.
19	Oscar Mack Metcalf.	St. Paul.	Jan. 24, 1868	Founder.	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
20	Charles L. West.	Austin.	May 8, 1869	Founder.	Fidelity.	39	Minn.
21	Israel Barnard Baldwin Sprague	St. Paul.	Dec. 23, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
22	Edward Corning.	St. Paul.	May 9, 1863	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.	163	Minn.
23	Henry Levi Williams.	Los Angeles, Cal.	Jan. 9, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.	163	Minn.
24	John Wheeler Leavitt Corning.	St. Paul.	Aug. 15, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
25	Andrew C. Dunn.	Winnebago City.	July 16, 1861	Dec. 3, 1892	Blue Earth Valley.	27	Minn.
26	Charles Eaton.	St. Paul.	Sept. 23, 1864	Jan. 10, 1893	Winona.	18	Minn.
27	Robert Laird McCormick	Hayward, Wis.	Feb. 10, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Tuscan.	77	Minn.
28	Benjamin Withereil Brunson*	St. Paul.	Aug. 4, 1851	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
29	Russell Carlton Munger.	St. Paul.	April 3, 1869	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	186	Minn.
30	George N. La Vaque.	Duluth.	Feb. 8, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Ionic.	79	Minn.
31	Alexander Schultz.	Duluth.	Feb. 6, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Palestine.	79	Minn.
32	Ivan Conrad Fischer.	St. Paul.	April 6, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.	5	Minn.
33	William Bickel.	St. Paul.	Feb. 19, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	3	Minn.
34	William Henry Grant.	St. Paul.	Dec. 20, 1868	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
35	James C. Morrison.	St. Paul.	May 5, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.	3	Minn.

36	William Pitt Murray	St. Paul	4, 1853	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
37	William Alonzo Van Slyke	St. Paul	Mch. 19, 1860	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
38	Edwin Searle Beck	St. Paul	April 6, 1857	Jan. 10, 1893	Summit	163	Minn.
39	William Franklin Dickinson	Redwood Falls	Aug. 15, 1866	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
40	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1845	Jan. 10, 1893	Nicollet	54	Minn.
41	Edward Henry Milham	St. Paul	Feb. 17, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity	6	Minn.
42	Daniel Shell	Worthington	Oct. 29, 1866	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
43	Isaac P. Durfee	St. Paul	April 18, 1871	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
44	Christopher H. Smith*	St. Paul	May 26, 1857	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Johns	1	Minn.
45	Edward W. Durant	Stillwater	Feb. 6, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Mcridian	56	Minn.
46	Cyrus G. Holden	Chaffield	Oct. 23, 1849	Jan. 11, 1893	Clearwater	28	Minn.
47	William Tuttle Rigby	Chaffield	June 8, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Blue Earth Valley	27	Minn.
48	Andrew Milne	Winnebago City	Oct. 23, 1849	Jan. 11, 1893	King Solomon	44	Minn.
49	Harrison G. Peck	Shakopee	Aug. 4, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Covenant	526	Ill.
50	William Solon Mellen*	St. Paul	Nov. 9, 1868	Jan. 11, 1893	Golden Rule	65	Minn.
51	John William Boxell*	St. Paul	Dec. 23, 1867	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
52	Peter Stamford Macgowan	St. Paul	Nov. 12, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	Union	5	Minn.
53	William Fletcher Bailey	West Duluth	Nov. 12, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Johns	45	Minn.
54	Abel Cox	Le Sueur	Mch. 17, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Madelia	1	Minn.
55	Roscoe F. Hersey	St. Paul	Oct. 4, 1862	Jan. 12, 1893	Grand Meadow	66	Minn.
56	Jonathan Tibbets Furbert	Madelia	Mch. 1, 1852	Jan. 12, 1893	Grand Meadow	121	Minn.
57	William Henry Bentley	Grand Meadow	Feb. 15, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Murray	199	Minn.
58	John Henry Low	Slayton	May 10, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
59	William E. Baker	Redwood Falls	July 17, 1872	Jan. 12, 1893	Corner Stone	99	Minn.
60	Alonzo Brandenburg	Pergus Falls	Dec. 17, 1860	Jan. 12, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
61	John Jay Rhodes	St. Paul	April 16, 1866	Jan. 12, 1893	Cataract	2	Minn.
62	Solon Armstrong	Duluth	May 22, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Ionic	186	Minn.
63	Sheldon Lord Frazer	St. Paul	Aug. 27, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul	3	Minn.
64	Orville Gilbert Miller*	Duluth	Nov. 14, 1850	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity	95	Minn.
65	Charles Brust	New Ulm	Nov. 14, 1850	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity	95	Minn.
66	John Niven	St. Paul	Oct. 14, 1850	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity	95	Minn.
67	Lysander Cook	Good Thunder	Oct. 14, 1850	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity	95	Minn.
68	Ambrose La Due	Mantorville	Sept. 2, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Joppa	76	Minn.
69	Ambrose D. Countryman	Appleton	Sept. 2, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Mantorville	11	Minn.
70	Chester Goss Higbee	Appleton	Jan. 10, 1872	Jan. 12, 1893	Appleton	187	Minn.
71	George D. McArthur	St. Paul	Jan. 30, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul	57	Minn.
72	John I. Thornton	Blue Earth City	July 15, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Blue Earth City	96	Minn.
73	John M. Richter	St. James	July 3, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Libanus	57	Minn.
74	William S. Dedon	Red Wing	Mch. 26, 1869	Mch. 8, 1893	Red Wing	8	Minn.
75	Robert Holgate	Raytors Falls	Mch. 26, 1870	Mch. 8, 1893	Zion	55	Minn.
76	Orrin C. Meaker	Lead S. D.	April 17, 1868	Mch. 8, 1893	St. Paul	113	Minn.
77	Adam Finck	Excelsior	April 3, 1869	Mch. 8, 1893	Excelsior	8	Minn.
78	John Richard Carey	St. Paul	April 3, 1871	Mch. 8, 1893	Excelsior	113	Minn.
79	John Savage Noble	Duluth	Dec. 27, 1871	May 1, 1893	Palestine	79	Minn.
80	Benjamin Ash Provost	Edington, S. D.	Aug. 27, 1868	May 1, 1893	Kodahya	153	Minn.
81	Romaine Squire	Grafton, N. D.	Oct. 19, 1866	May 1, 1893	Thune	190	Minn.
		St. Paul			St. Paul	3	Minn.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
82	Ira Martin Swartz.....	Washington, D. C....	Aug. 16, 1867	May 1, 1893	Story.....	4	Utah.
83	Julius Henry Burwell.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 15, 1872	May 1, 1893	Summit.....	163	Minn.
84	Delos Abram Monfort*.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 8, 1857	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
85	Archie Guthrie.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 29, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
86	William Parker Jewett.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 21, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	133	Minn.
87	John Winthrop Eddy.....	Morris.....	Dec. 2, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
88	William F. Mowatt.....	Minneapolis.....	May 31, 1865	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
89	George Zeller.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 1, 1870	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
90	Aaron Pearson Cameron.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
91	Isaac Phillips Wright.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
92	Neville Staughton*.....	Winona.....	Feb. 18, 1860	Jan. 9, 1894	Winona.....	18	Minn.
93	Benjamin John Knapp.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 4, 1870	Jan. 9, 1894	St. Paul.....	8	Minn.
94	Joseph Bergfeld.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 7, 1864	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
95	Isaac Bower.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 11, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
96	George Hunsaker.....	St. Paul.....	May 18, 1871	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	56	Minn.
97	Nathan Kingsley.....	Austin.....	July 16, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Meridian.....	42	Minn.
98	Robert S. Miles.....	Glencoe.....	July 20, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Hope.....	17	Minn.
99	Albert J. Snure.....	Hokah.....	May 5, 1868	Jan. 9, 1894	Hokah.....	17	Minn.
100	John Hutton.....	Winond.....	Jan. 15, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Prudence.....	97	Minn.
101	James Francis Tostevin.....	St. Paul.....	May 24, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
102	George Adelbert Blair*.....	Waterville.....	Oct. 2, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Sakatah.....	32	Minn.
103	Henry R. Wells (I).....	Preston.....	Feb. 21, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Preston.....	30	Minn.
104	Edward Phelps Barnum.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 27, 1857	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the West.....	36	Minn.
105	Loren Warren Collins.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 4, 1861	Jan. 11, 1894	North Star.....	13	Minn.
106	Clark Keyser.....	Mankato.....	Jan. 17, 1863	Jan. 11, 1894	Mankato.....	23	Minn.
107	Charles W. Burdick.....	Owatonna.....	May 19, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the East.....	33	Minn.
108	William Thomas Rich.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 14, 1870	Jan. 11, 1894	Midway.....	185	Minn.
109	Charles C. Goodnow.....	Pipestone.....	Feb. 2, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Quarry.....	148	Minn.
110	Hiram De Esten Brown.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 19, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Summit.....	163	Minn.
111	W. Milton Selby.....	La Crescent.....	Dec. 28, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Morning Star.....	29	Minn.
112	Robert Bruce Langdon*.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 10, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Khurum.....	112	Minn.
113	Thomas Minshall.....	La Crescent.....	Jan. 7, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Morning Star.....	29	Minn.
114	George Russell Babbitt.....	Osakis.....	June 27, 1866	April 13, 1894	Osakis.....	180	Minn.
115	Charles Frederick Mahler.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 10, 1859	April 13, 1894	Summit.....	163	Minn.

117	George William Seymour.	Taylor Falls.	Jan. 7, 1863	April 13, 1894	Zion	55	Minn.
118	William Parker Brown.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 9, 1857	April 13, 1894	Red Wing	8	Minn.
119	Eben Lovering.	Minneapolis.	July 18, 1865	April 13, 1894	Carroll	57	N. H.
120	John H. Sutherland.	Detroit	May 4, 1857	June 4, 1894	Mount Labor	106	Minn.
121	Andrew Peter Swanson	St. Paul.	Nov. 6, 1873	Jan. 3, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
122	Watson Eugene Bonfooy	St. Paul.	April 16, 1870	Jan. 3, 1895	Walnut Hills	483	Ohio.
123	William Cox	Gracerville	Jan. 13, 1867	Jan. 3, 1895	Friendship	212	Minn.
124	Joseph Eugene McWilliams.	Webb City, Mo.	June 12, 1866	Jan. 13, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
125	Robert Armstrong Smith.	St. Paul.	Dec. 25, 1872	Jan. 13, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
126	Isaac Lincoln	St. Paul.	Jan. 30, 1863	Jan. 13, 1895	King Solomon.	44	Minn.
127	Frederick Richter*	St. Paul.	April 28, 1866	Jan. 13, 1895	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
128	John House	Morris.	Dec. 3, 1873	Jan. 13, 1895	Nurray	380	N. Y.
129	Jonathan D. Sprague	St. Paul.	April 2, 1857	Jan. 13, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
130	Lathrop E. Reed.	St. Paul.	Dec. 18, 1868	Jan. 13, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
131	Alexander Donald.	Columbus, O.	April 1, 1871	Jan. 13, 1895	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
132	Edward Seymour Baldwin	White Bear.	Feb. 9, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Garnet.	166	Minn.
133	Oscar Fitzallen Bardwell.	Pine City.	Jan. 8, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Jasper	164	Minn.
134	Neil Currie.	Currie	Dec. 16, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Currie	142	Minn.
135	John Robert Storr.	St. Paul.	Oct. 13, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
136	Levi T. Lyon.	Hokah.	May 21, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Hokah.	17	Minn.
137	Benjamin Franklin Thurbur	Worthington	Mch. 16, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	Fraternity	101	Minn.
138	Clarence Adelbert Hubbard	Lake City.	Jan. 8, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Carmelian.	40	Minn.
139	Irving Todd	Hastings.	Jan. 13, 1864	Jan. 16, 1895	Dakota.	7	Minn.
140	William L. Humason	Stewartville	Oct. 1, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Stewartville	203	Minn.
141	Henry M. Tusler	St. Paul.	April 29, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
142	William Harwood Carter	Brown's Valley.	June 11, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Kodahya	153	Minn.
143	John Sutholmer	Chaska.	Dec. 29, 1873	Jan. 16, 1895	Chaska	151	Minn.
144	Thomas Chase Shapleigh.	Moorhead	Sept. 13, 1863	Jan. 16, 1895	Hallock	212	Minn.
145	Francis Cadwell.	Le Sueur	Mch. 9, 1867	Jan. 17, 1895	Union	45	Minn.
146	Jared Gage Wheeler.	Kasson.	Jan. 9, 1868	Jan. 17, 1895	Huron Abi	83	Minn.
147	Charles Henry Mix.	St. Paul.	April 11, 1867	Jan. 26, 1895	Summit	163	Minn.
148	Alfred S. Dimond	Crookston	Feb. 12, 1857	Mch. 30, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
149	James Henry Thomas.	Winthrop	Mch. 29, 1864	Mch. 30, 1895	Sibley	209	Minn.
150	James Cotter Hawes.	Crookston	Aug. 21, 1866	Mch. 30, 1895	Crookston	141	Minn.
151	George Forsyth.	Red Wing	May 13, 1861	Aug. 8, 1895	Red Wing	100	Minn.
152	John Taylor Frater	Brainerd	Sept. 13, 1872	Oct. 19, 1895	Aurora	100	Minn.
153	Elisha Morcom	Brainerd	May 13, 1868	Dec. 28, 1895	Vermilion	197	Minn.
154	Andrew Allen	Tower	Dec. 10, 1868	Dec. 28, 1895	Red Wing	8	Minn.
155	William Cole Ashton.	St. Paul.	May 1, 1868	Dec. 28, 1895	St. Paul.	8	Minn.
156	James Madison Johnston Sanno.	U. S. Army	Mch. 3, 1864	Dec. 28, 1895	Mansfield	36	N. J.
157	George Albert Keene.	Brainerd	June 24, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Aurora	100	Minn.
158	Stas N. Harrington.	Marshall	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Delta.	119	Minn.
159	John Dudley Condit.	St. Paul.	Sept. 7, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Bau Claire.	112	Wis.
160	Max Frankel.	St. Paul.	Mch. 4, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
163	Thomas Jefferson Lombard(?)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.....	44	Minn.
164	John F. Humston.....	Heron Lake.....	April 22, 1867	Jan. 14, 1896	Columbia.....	210	Minn.
165	Daniel Watson Pond.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 14, 1896	Jan. 14, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
166	David Hanna.....	White Bear Lake.....	3, 1898	Jan. 14, 1896	Garnet.....	166	Minn.
167	William J. Munro.....	Morris.....	Oct. 17, 1891	Jan. 14, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
168	Jos. Merritt Underwood.....	Lake City.....	Oct. 17, 1891	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	40	Minn.
169	John W. Kennedy.....	Lake City.....	Jan. 21, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	40	Minn.
170	Sammel R. Van Sant.....	Winona.....	Dec. 23, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona.....	18	Minn.
171	William C. Williston.....	Red Wing.....	Sept. 6, 1861	Jan. 14, 1896	Red Wing.....	8	Minn.
172	Henry Hinkens.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	108	Minn.
173	George W. Rallard.....	Dodge Center.....	Nov. 1, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Relief.....	81	Minn.
174	Francis B. Hubbard.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Anchor.....	81	Minn.
175	August E. Anderson.....	Rasson.....	July 22, 1865	Jan. 15, 1896	Huram Abi.....	83	Minn.
176	Alexander Fiddes.....	Jackson.....	June 1, 1865	Jan. 15, 1896	Good Faith.....	90	Minn.
177	James Jenks.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 28, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	Clear Water.....	28	Minn.
178	Henry P. Constans.....	Blue Earth City.....	Aug. 8, 1861	Jan. 15, 1896	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
179	Thomas Cox.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 5, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Munchaha.....	165	Minn.
180	William Stratford.....	Chatfield.....	Dec. 31, 1868	Jan. 15, 1896	Meridian.....	56	Minn.
181	Hugh E. Grant.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
182	Augustus Smith.....	Plainview.....	Dec. 28, 1860	Jan. 15, 1896	Illustrious.....	63	Minn.
183	Walter Birch.....	Faribault.....	Oct. 21, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Faribault.....	9	Minn.
184	Peter J. Schwarg.....	Manorville.....	June 3, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Huram Abi.....	83	Minn.
185	Oscar L. Cutter.....	Anoka.....	Sept. 30, 1871	Jan. 15, 1896	Anoka.....	30	Minn.
186	Alex. Newell Hayes.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 23, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
187	Robert Forbes.....	Duluth.....	Dec. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Catact.....	2	Minn.
188	Henry Charles Munro.....	St. Cloud.....	Oct. 23, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	North Star.....	23	Minn.
189	William Rockwood Denny(?)	St. Paul.....	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Carver.....	111	Minn.
190	William Lossing.....	Howard Lake.....	Oct. 10, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Howard.....	81	Minn.
191	Alonzo James Burningham.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 23, 1875	Sept. 23, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	66	Minn.
192	Bowie Gerston Yates.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 15, 1866	Sept. 23, 1896	Madella.....	133	Minn.
193	Francis Marion Hester.....	Morris.....	Aug. 21, 1869	Sept. 23, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	2	Minn.
194	Owen Thomas Swett.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 2, 1871	Dec. 31, 1896	Catact.....	148	Minn.
195	Isaac Leggett Hart.....	Pipestone.....	Nov. 2, 1871	Dec. 31, 1896	Quarry.....	19	Minn.
196	James Martin Fane.....	Carlton.....	April 15, 1864	Dec. 31, 1896	Minneapolis.....	217	Minn.
197	Thomas Henry Sherry.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 17, 1866	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City.....	217	Minn.

198	James William Busby	St. Paul	Nov. 20, 1873	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City	217	Minn.
199	Frederick William Dohm	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1872	Dec. 31, 1896	Ancient Landmark	6	Minn.
200	Edgar Swartwout Dudley	U. S. Army	Dec. 12, 1872	Dec. 31, 1896	Lincoln	19	Neb.
201	George Washington Carpenter	Minneapolis	Aug. 17, 1862	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
202	Daniel Douglas	Minneapolis	Oct. 24, 1874	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
203	Charles Edward Kent	Minneapolis	Nov. 14, 1873	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis	4	Minn.
204	Edward Martin	Minneapolis	Nov. 19, 1870	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin	83	Minn.
205	George Benton Arnold	Minneapolis	Dec. 4, 1866	Jan. 1, 1897	Hennepin	100	Minn.
206	Napoleon Bonaparte Chase	Brainerd	Sept. 18, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora	100	Minn.
207	Andrew Eliotte Veon	Brainerd	Feb. 27, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora	50	Minn.
208	John Fairfield Perry	Minneapolis	April 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora	133	Minn.
209	Dolphus Goff Linsley	Morris	Mch. 19, 1872	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf	210	Maine
210	Chas. Roderick Judson Kellam	Heron Lake	Sept. 28, 1854	Jan. 12, 1897	Columbia	5	Minn.
211	John Carl Terry	St. Paul	June 21, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
212	John Franklin Hoyt	St. Paul	May 30, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark	147	Minn.
213	John Park Lester	Carly	May 25, 1872	Jan. 13, 1897	Carly	108	Minn.
214	Jerry Everett Getman	Minneapolis	April 17, 1862	Jan. 13, 1897	Relief	12	Minn.
215	Hugh McMurtie	Mankato	Sept. 25, 1869	Jan. 13, 1897	Mankato	3	Minn.
216	Ezra Cary Pratt	Minneapolis	April 2, 1862	Jan. 13, 1897	Catact	3	Minn.
217	Moses Philpot Hayes	Minneapolis	June 30, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Catact	67	Minn.
218	James M. D. Craft	Farmington	June 30, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Corinthian	133	Minn.
219	George Hugh Munro	Morris	June 4, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Golden Sheaf	5	Minn.
220	William Edwin Burton	St. Paul	July 22, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Golden Sheaf	18	Minn.
221	Rufilius Britt Basford	Winona	Jan. 15, 1861	Jan. 13, 1897	Winona	182	Minn.
222	Phineas Sylvester Rudolph	Minneapolis	April 25, 1873	Jan. 13, 1897	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
223	Edwin Joseph Hodges	Annandale	Dec. 2, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Braden	163	Minn.
224	Lauchlin Joseph Hart	St. Paul	July 25, 1864	Jan. 14, 1897	Fidelity	39	Minn.
225	Alexander Adams	Austin	July 25, 1864	Mch. 1, 1897	Midway	125	Minn.
226	Wm. Dalton Cornish	St. Paul	Jan. 14, 1861	Mch. 1, 1897	Midway	133	Minn.
227	Calvin Luther Brown	St. Paul	July 1, 1875	April 1, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
228	Henry Pratt Upham	Morris	Mch. 15, 1876	April 1, 1897	Golden Sheaf	100	Minn.
229	Newton McFadden	St. Paul	May 28, 1858	June 1, 1897	Ancient Landmark	191	Minn.
230	Newton McFadden	Brainerd	Oct. 16, 1874	June 1, 1897	Aurora	2	Minn.
231	Abram D. Moe	South St. Paul	May 4, 1872	June 1, 1897	Mizpah	5	Minn.
232	Geo. W. Coburn	Minneapolis	May 4, 1867	Nov. 27, 1897	Catact	2	Minn.
233	Henry H. Fuller	St. Paul	April 17, 1873	Dec. 31, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
234	Charles John Kruger	St. Paul	June 27, 1855	Dec. 31, 1897	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
235	Joseph Ormond Pattee	St. Paul	Jan. 24, 1861	Dec. 31, 1897	Hennepin	4	Minn.
236	Isaac A. Grant	St. Paul	Mch. 18, 1873	Dec. 31, 1897	Ancient Landmark	57	Minn.
237	Simoon P. Child	St. Paul	Sept. 13, 1873	Dec. 31, 1897	Blue Earth City	171	Minn.
238	William H. Burns	St. Paul	Mch. 20, 1868	Jan. 11, 1898	Shackinah	108	Minn.
239	Oliver H. Phillips	Dodge Center	July 1, 1871	Jan. 11, 1898	Relief	65	Wis.
240	Henry Albert Young	Lake City	Mch. 28, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Manitowoc	5	Minn.
241	Jacob Fiegler	St. Paul	Sept. 22, 1875	Jan. 11, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
242	Calvin Shier Ulme	St. Paul	Jan. 11, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
243	John Conrad Nelson	St. Paul	Jan. 11, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
244	Thomas Camp Porter.....	Clearwater.....	Mch. 11, 1885	Jan. 11, 1898	Clear Water.....	28	Minn.
245	Harry Edward Whitney.....	Faribault.....	May 5, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Faribault.....	9	Minn.
246	Livingston Quackenbush.....	Le Sueur.....	June 2, 1885	Jan. 11, 1898	Union.....	45	Minn.
247	James Dewar.....	Brainerd.....	Nov. 5, 1875	Jan. 11, 1898	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
248	Samuel Edward Leonard.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 17, 1875	Jan. 11, 1898	Capital City.....	217	Minn.
249	George A. Brown.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 25, 1863	Jan. 11, 1898	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
250	Levi Herz.....	St. Paul.....	April 4, 1874	Jan. 11, 1898	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
251	Joseph A. Pierson.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 31, 1885	Jan. 11, 1898	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
252	James Whittaker.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Troverse.....	216	Minn.
253	Wm. Fiercher Martin.....	Wood Lake.....	Oct. 6, 1865	Jan. 11, 1898	Florence.....	189	Minn.
254	George E. Jackson.....	Wheaton.....	Dec. 26, 1870	Jan. 11, 1898	Rock Island.....	658	Ill.
255	John Ruyter Warner.....	Rock Island, Ill.....	July 19, 1874	Jan. 12, 1898	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
256	John Henry Sprout.....	Blue Earth City.....	Sept. 23, 1865	Jan. 12, 1898	Applton.....	137	Minn.
257	Bradley P. Cheney.....	Cheney.....	June 3, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	North Star.....	97	Minn.
258	George Stacy Spencer.....	St. Cloud.....	May 11, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Prudence.....	23	Minn.
259	George M. Laing.....	Winnon.....	May 18, 1898	Jan. 12, 1898	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
260	John Dennis Good.....	Morris.....	Oct. 31, 1870	Jan. 12, 1898	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
261	Leonard Paulle.....	Minneapolis.....	Aug. 18, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
262	Griffith R. Samuel.....	Minneapolis.....	Oct. 31, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Minneapolis.....	138	Minn.
263	Erl A. D. Salter.....	Atwater.....	Nov. 27, 1874	Jan. 12, 1898	Minneapolis.....	21	Minn.
264	Albert D. Vedder.....	Rochester.....	Jan. 31, 1859	Jan. 12, 1898	Rochester.....	109	Minn.
265	Jacob C. Cox.....	Mora.....	Sept. 17, 1874	Jan. 12, 1898	Sunset.....	4	Minn.
266	William Henry Jacoby.....	Minneapolis.....	Mch. 26, 1870	Jan. 12, 1898	Hennepin.....	99	Minn.
267	James Allen McConkey.....	Fergus Falls.....	Sept. 20, 1873	Jan. 12, 1898	Corner Stone.....	84	Minn.
268	Taylor Robinson.....	Money Creek.....	Jan. 4, 1873	Jan. 12, 1898	Orient.....	111	Minn.
269	John S. Nelson.....	Carver.....	Mch. 4, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Carver.....	3	Minn.
270	Charles Griswold (?).....	St. Paul.....	May 15, 1859	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul.....	69	Minn.
271	George Washington Rockwell.....	Rushford.....	Mch. 15, 1877	Mch. 22, 1896	Mystic Star.....	148	Minn.
272	Clark William Gilmore.....	Pipestone.....	Mch. 19, 1877	Mch. 22, 1896	Quarry.....	113	Minn.
273	Elias William Mortimer.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 9, 1877	Mch. 22, 1896	Khuram.....	133	Minn.
274	William Kiff Walker.....	Morris.....	May 1, 1870	April 30, 1898	Golden Sheaf.....	1	Minn.
275	Bernard Thelen.....	Stillwater.....	Aug. 28, 1875	April 30, 1898	St. Johns.....	28	Minn.
276	Joseph Whittemore.....	Clearwater.....	Oct. 23, 1875	July 30, 1898	Clearwater.....	1	Minn.
277	Samuel Y. Hyde.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	Mch. 26, 1861	Oct. 1, 1898	Rising Sun.....	47	Minn.
278	Samuel J. Prichard.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	Nov. 3, 1857	Dec. 1, 1898	Hokah.....	17	Minn.

279	John William Dreger	Minneapolis	June 1, 1872	Dec. 1, 1898	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
280	Thomas Scott	St. Paul	Aug. 9, 1865	Dec. 31, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
281	John Albert Schlueter	Minneapolis	Aug. 1, 1877	Dec. 31, 1898	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
282	George Hunter	St. Paul	Feb. 16, 1875	Dec. 31, 1898	Braden	108	Minn.
283	William Moore Croome	St. Paul	April 10, 1863	Jan. 10, 1899	Braden	108	Minn.
284	Thomas Chalmers Clark	Stillwater	Feb. 9, 1877	Jan. 10, 1899	St. Johns	1	Minn.
285	Otis Staples	Stillwater	Nov. 4, 1872	Jan. 10, 1899	St. Johns	1	Minn.
286	Henry Warren Mackie	St. Paul	Mch. 1, 1870	Jan. 10, 1899	Shekuah	171	Minn.
287	Charles Cushing Whitman	St. Paul	June 11, 1866	Jan. 10, 1899	Fellowship	5	Mass.
288	William Dampier	St. Paul	Mch. 4, 1875	Jan. 10, 1899	Ancient Landmark	81	Maine
289	Edwin Prince Capen	Minneapolis	Dec. 5, 1876	Jan. 11, 1899	Atlantic	12	Minn.
290	Alvah Andrew Crampton	Mantoville	—	Jan. 11, 1899	Mantoville	108	Minn.
291	Charles Fowler Warner	Manukato	Jan. 22, 1874	Jan. 11, 1899	Relief	17	Minn.
292	Timothy Lynch	Dodge Center	Nov. 21, 1856	Jan. 11, 1899	Hokah	20	Minn.
293	Anthony H. Harris	Hokah	Aug. 30, 1865	Jan. 11, 1899	Caledonia	9	Minn.
294	William H. Harris	Caledonia	Aug. 30, 1865	Jan. 11, 1899	Caledonia	65	Minn.
295	Albert William Stockton	Faribault	Aug. 4, 1870	Jan. 11, 1899	Faribault	56	Minn.
296	Richard H. Boxell	St. Paul	July 17, 1874	Jan. 11, 1899	Golden Rule	28	Minn.
297	Omar Hassan Case	Fountain	April 21, 1866	Jan. 11, 1899	Meridian	25	Minn.
298	Mahlon Norris Gilbert	St. Paul	Aug. 17, 1875	Jan. 11, 1899	Ancient Landmark	133	Wis.
299	Thomas Tollington	Clearwater	July 11, 1863	Jan. 31, 1899	Clearwater	261	Minn.
300	Charles A. Chapman	Manukato	April 13, 1865	Jan. 31, 1899	Manukato	5	Minn.
301	Geo. Washington Hard	Preston	April 29, 1878	Aug. 29, 1899	Preston	100	Minn.
302	Daniel F. Mason	Minneapolis	Aug. 21, 1871	Aug. 29, 1899	Ark	112	Minn.
303	Wm. Barr Hancock	Morris	June 24, 1878	Aug. 29, 1899	Golden Sheaf	100	Minn.
304	Alexander Gardner, Jr.	St. Paul	Nov. 23, 1873	Dec. 30, 1899	Milwaukee	5	Minn.
305	John Peter Leitner	St. Paul	April 12, 1877	Dec. 30, 1899	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
306	Alson Budd Foster	St. Paul	Feb. 1874	Dec. 30, 1899	Ancient Landmark	100	Minn.
307	Wm. Rhodes Wood	St. Paul	May 27, 1873	Dec. 30, 1899	Aurora	112	Minn.
308	Geo. Withel Anes	Brainerd	Dec. 28, 1877	Dec. 30, 1899	Khuran	56	Wis.
309	Benjamin L. Perry	Minneapolis	May 30, 1867	Dec. 30, 1899	Khuran	224	Minn.
310	John W. Moore	Minneapolis	Mch. 26, 1874	Jan. 16, 1900	Hennepin	197	Minn.
311	George A. Gipple	St. Paul	Oct. 16, 1877	Jan. 16, 1900	St. Croix	112	Minn.
312	Henry Kellow	Tower	Feb. 2, 1869	Jan. 16, 1900	Vermilion	33	Minn.
313	Warren K. Leonard	Minneapolis	Feb. 23, 1861	Jan. 16, 1900	Minneapolis	108	Minn.
314	Albert Enos Higbee	Minneapolis	April 30, 1875	Jan. 16, 1900	Star-in-the-East	183	Minn.
315	William H. Vinton	Watouana	Mch. 28, 1872	Jan. 16, 1900	Relief	168	Minn.
316	Frank C. Bey	Dodge Center	Nov. 23, 1878	Jan. 16, 1900	Golden Sheaf	183	Minn.
317	William Lee Colyer	Morris	Aug. 14, 1875	Jan. 16, 1900	Fair Haven	41	Minn.
318	Henry K. Kelley	Anandale	Mch. 13, 1878	Jan. 16, 1900	Summit	106	Wis.
319	John Copeland	St. Paul	Sept. 16, 1867	Jan. 16, 1900	Ancient Landmark	3	Minn.
320	Hobart M. Stocking	St. Paul	Dec. 10, 1867	Jan. 16, 1900	Herman	106	Wis.
321	Oscar H. Hall	St. Paul	Sept. 3, 1868	Jan. 16, 1900	Prarie-du-Chien	106	Wis.
322	Aaron Denio	St. Paul	Nov. 23, 1865	Jan. 16, 1900	St. Paul	3	Minn.
323	William C. Rowe	St. Paul	April 9, 1875	Jan. 16, 1900	St. Paul	3	Minn.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
325	Hosea Straight Tuttle.....	Minneapolis.....	Aug. 8, 1865	Jan. 17, 1900	Catawact.....	9	Minn.
326	Dolson B. Searle.....	St. Cloud.....	Aug. 2, 1868	Jan. 17, 1900	Harmony.....	17	D. C.
327	Gideon Sprague Ives.....	St. Peter.....	May 4, 1871	Jan. 17, 1900	Nicollet Lodge.....	54	Minn.
328	Everett Hammons.....	Anoka.....	Mch. 28, 1878	Jan. 17, 1900	Anoka.....	30	Minn.
329	William H. Edison.....	Manorville.....	April 29, 1873	Jan. 17, 1900	Manorville.....	11	Minn.
330	Clark Stevens Lathin.....	Manorville.....	April 17, 1877	Jan. 17, 1900	Amboy.....	193	Minn.
331	William Clark Allen.....	Manorville.....	Dec. 19, 1872	Jan. 17, 1900	Groton.....	65	S. D.
332	Henry A. Sauer.....	Minneapolis.....	Mch. 9, 1878	Jan. 17, 1900	Arcana.....	187	Minn.
333	Samuel McIlwain.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 19, 1877	Jan. 17, 1900	Minnehaha.....	165	Minn.
334	Samuel George Smith.....	Minneapolis.....	Mch. 9, 1875	Jan. 17, 1900	Great Lights.....	181	Iowa
335	Frederick W. Luley.....	St. Paul.....	May 30, 1872	Jan. 17, 1900	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
336	William Harvey Cook.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 12, 1867	Jan. 17, 1900	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
337	Wilson Ager.....	St. Paul.....	May 24, 1876	Jan. 17, 1900	Fraternity.....	101	Minn.
338	Wm. Washington Murphy.....	Worthington.....	July 15, 1879	Jan. 17, 1900	Meridian.....	56	Minn.
339	James F. Baker.....	Chalfield.....	Feb. 11, 1879	Feb. 12, 1900	Mizpah.....	191	Minn.
340	Thomas Gould.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 4, 1879	Mch. 5, 1900	Shekinah.....	171	Minn.

* Deceased.

(^c) Transferred from honorary list.

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Certifi- cate No.	NAMES AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	MEMBERSHIP IN		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	Henry R. Wells, P. G. M. (a)	Preston, Minn.	Feb. 21, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Preston	36	Minn.
2	Royal Hatch Cove, P. G. M.	Rochester, Minn.	July 3, 1863	Jan. 10, 1893	Rochester	21	Minn.
3	William Lee, P. J. G. W. (b)	Hastings, Minn.	Sept. 6, 1863	Jan. 11, 1893	Mount North	33	Minn.
4	George Henry Davis, P. G. M., Idaho.	Mankato, Minn.	March 8, 1865	Jan. 12, 1893	Aurora	100	Minn.
5	Henry R. Denny, P. G. M. (a)	St. Paul, Minn.	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 12, 1893	Carver	111	Minn.
6	Philo Patterson Hubbell	Winona, Minn.	May 1, 1860	Jan. 12, 1893	Winona	18	Minn.
7	John Corson Sutton	Chicago, Ill.	May 21, 1858	March 3, 1893	Miners	273	Ill.
8	Theodore Sutton Parvin, G. Sec., P. G. M. (c)	Cedar Rapids, Io.	May 1, 1858	March 3, 1893	Iowa	2	Ia.
9	Josiah Hayden Drummond, P. G. M. (c)	Portland, Me.	May 1, 1858	March 3, 1893	Waterville	33	Me.
10	John James Bell, P. G. M. s.	Exeter, N. H.	Jan. 15, 1849	March 3, 1893	Star in the East	59	N. H.
11	George William Speth, P. M. (c)	London, Eng.	Dec. 27, 1849	March 3, 1893	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.
12	Francis Asbury Blades (c)	Detroit, Mich.	Dec. 25, 1852	March 3, 1893	Kilwinning	297	Mich.
13	Edwin Allen Sherman (c)	Oakland, Cal.	June 6, 1860	March 3, 1893	Oakland	188	Cal.
14	Charles Griswold, P. G. M. (a)	St. Paul, Minn.	June 15, 1856	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
15	Jacob A. Kessler, P. G. M.	Blue Earth City, Minn.	May 17, 1873	June 4, 1894	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
16	Thomas Jefferson Lombard, P. S. G. W. (a)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44	Minn.
17	Daniel Skeels (b)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 19, 1848	Jan. 16, 1895	Aurora Grata	756	N. Y.
18	William Wallace Lee, P. G. M. (c)	Meriden, Conn.	Sept. 1, 1854	Jan. 16, 1895	Meridian	77	Conn.
19	Manner Ruiz Inza	Havana, Cuba	April 5, 1865	Jan. 16, 1895	Amor Fraternal	5	Cuba.
20	Dewitt Clinton Gregier, P. G. M. s.	Chicago, Ill.	— 1860	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
21	Benjamin Franklin Chase (c)	San Francisco, Cal.	Dec. 14, 1854	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
22	George Washington Prescott, P. G. M.	Hyde Park, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1854	Jan. 28, 1895	Henry S. Baird	211	Wis.
23	Henry Augustus Denny	Brooklyn, N. Y.	June 10, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Morning Star	719	N. Y.
24	Amasa H. Nichols (c)	New York, N. Y.	April 23, 1851	Jan. 15, 1896	Acanthus	728	N. Y.
25	Theophilus Pratt (c)	Dodge Center, Minn.	Sept. 4, 1857	Jan. 13, 1897	Alma	719	N. Y.
26	James Alexander Garver (b)	New Orleans, La.	April 3, 1852	Jan. 13, 1897	Relief	108	Minn.
27	Charles Thomas Stearns	Torquay, England	July 14, 1863	Jan. 12, 1898	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.
28	William James Hughan (c)	Rush City, Minn.	Dec. 7, 1848	Jan. 12, 1898	Fasper	164	Minn.
29	Linsey McKee (b)	Wolverhampton, Eng.	May 24, 1855	Jan. 11, 1899	Mary's Chapel	1	Scot.
30	Charles Fendelow (c)	New Castle on Tyne, Eng.	April 23, 1872	Jan. 11, 1899	De Lorraine	547	Eng.
31	Perdinand Fritz Schmitzer (c)	Havana, Cuba	Dec. 7, 1878	Dec. 7, 1899	Rifos de la Vida	447	Cuba.
32	Francisco de Paula Rodriguez (c)	Motherwell, Scot.	May 4, 1847	Jan. 17, 1900	St. John Woodhall	305	Scot.
33	William McMurdo (c)	Hamilton, Scot.	March 6, 1875	Jan. 17, 1900	St. John S.	7	Scot.
34	James Cameron (c)	Motherwell, Scot.	Ang. — 1874	Jan. 17, 1900	Livingstone St. Andrews	573	Scot.
35	Henry Dyer (c)						

a Transferred to list of active members.

b Over fifty years a Master Mason.

c For eminent services to Masonry.

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